

¶ All such

Proclamacions, as haue
been sette furthe by the Kinges
Majestie (and passed the Print) from
the last daie of Januarie, in the firste
yere of his highnes reigne, vnto the
last daie of Januarie, keeping in
the .iiij. yere of his said moste
prosperous reigne, that
is to saie, by the
space of .iiij.

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To the reader.

A s muche as many Proclamacions,
set furthe by the kynges maiestie,
are penall, and diuerse good and lo-
uyng subiectes, do often offendetheim, whiche
happeneth either by ignoraunce, or els for that
when the print is passed, thei cannot come by
theim, I thought it therefore very mete and
nedefull, to gather the together, and to imprint
theim wholly in one volume: whiche thyng I
haue herein doen, that is to saie, all the Procla-
macions, that the kynges maiestie hath publi-
shed in print, from the first yere of his highnes
moste prosperous reigne, vnto the latter ende
of the fourth yere of his graces said reigne: in-
tendynge hereafter, euery second yere (or ofte-
ner if it shalbe requisite) to adde here-
unto, suche other Proclamacions
as shall happen to bee
published, by
like au-
thoritee.

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The. xxiij. daie of Maie.

A Proclamation, concernyng the deb-
tes of King Henry the viij.



Here as the Kynges
Maiestie hath been in-
formed, that sondery so-
mes of money, were and
bee due to diuerse his
louyng and faithfull Subiectes, in
the tyme of his moste dere ffather, of
moste worthy memory, for sundry thyng-
ges taken, to the seruice of hym and
the realme: And that his dereft Uncle
the duke of Somerset Protector of al
his realmes, dominions and subiectes
and gouernor of his moste royall per-
sone, and others of his Counsaill, the
executors of his maiesties saied moste
noble father, haue disbursed great so-
mes of money, to diuerse his highnes
ministers in those affaires, for the pay-
ment of the saied debtes, and desiryn-
g to knowe, howe muche, and to whom,
any debt doth yet remain vnsatisfied.
willeth and requireth, all and euery
his louyng subiectes, to whom, in this

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cace it shall appertein, to declare in
wrytynge, vnto before the
feast of saint Ihon Baptist next com-
myng, what remaineth due vnto them
and wherefore. And the said

to sende the same declaracions,
to the lord greate Master, before the
ende of Trinitee terme, to the intent
that vpo the knowlege of the certaintee
of the said debtes. The said lord
Protector, and the other executors to
the said late kynges maiestie, may take
an order for the full contentacion of e-
uery debt, whiche thei intende to dooe
accordyngly.

The xxij. daie of Maye.

A Proclamation, concerning tale tellers.



Do so muche as the kynges
highnes, the lord pro-
tector, and the residue of
the Kynges Maiesties
counsaill is enformed, that
there hath been nowe of late, diuerse
leude and light tales told, whispered,
and secretly spred abroad, by vncertain
authors, in Markettes, faires, and
Alehouses,

Alehouses, in diuerse and sondry places of this realme, of innouacions and chaunges in religion and ceremonies of the Church, feined to be doen and appoynted by the Kynges highnes, the Lorde Protector, and other of his highnes pryncy Counsaill, whiche, by his grace or theim, was neuer begon nor attempted, and also of other thynges and factes, soundyng to the dishonour and slander of the kynges moste royall maiestie, the Lorde Protector's grace, and other the kynges moste honorable Counsaill, and no lesse to the disquietnesse and disturbaunce of the kynges highnes louing subiectes, contrary to diuerse wholsome lawes and ordinaunces, vpon graue and weightie considerations, heretofore made and ordeined by the kynges highnes moste noble progenitors, to reforme, punish and chastice, al maner of leude and vagaraunt persones, tellyng and reportyng false newes and tales to the disquietyng and disturbyng of the Kynges highnes, his nobles and subiectes,

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of this Realme. The Kynges mosse
royall Maiestie, by the mosse circum-
spect and laudable aduise, of his mosse
derely beloued vncle, Edward Duke
of Somerset, Lorde Protector of the
kynges maiesties realmes, dominions
and subiectes, & gouernor of his mosse
royall persone, and other of his high-
nes priuey counsaill, consideryng and
graciously ponderyng, the great hurt,
damage, losse and disquietnes, emon-
ges his graces subiectes, which might
ensue of suche false and flaundersous
tales and newes, and that nothyng is
more necessary, then to prouide and se,
that good and wholsome lawes be put
in vye and full execucion, to the intent
no maner of person, male, or shall haue
iustly any occasion to surmise, inuent,
or disperse, any kynde of false tales or
newes, to the discorde or disturbaunce
of the subiectes of this realme: streight-
ly chargeth and commaundeth, al ma-
ner of officers, ministers and iustices,
that thesaied former lawes and statu-
tes, be earnestly put in execucion, that
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is to saie, that no maner of persone frō
hencefurthe, be so hardie to finde, saie,
or tell any false newes, messages, or o-
ther suche false thynge, whereof dis-
cord, or occasion of discord, or any flau-
der, might arise within this realme, be-
twene the kyng, his people, or the no-
bles, and he that so doeth, shalbe kept
in prisone, untill he haue brought in
him, which was his autho: of the tale

And further, his maiestie, by his for-
mer gracious aduise, of thesaied lorde
protector, and his said priuie counsaill,
streightly chargeth and commaundeth
all maner of persones, of what estate,
degree, or condicion he or thei be, hea-
ryng, readyng, knowyng or wittynge,
any suche false tales or newes, to bee
by any maner of persone, of, and vpon
the kynges highnes, the lorde protec-
tor, or any of his saied maiesties mooste
honorable counsaill, or other nobles of
the realme, reported, tolde, written,
or otherwise published and spreade a-
bout, within the kynges highnes real-
mes and dominions: Inmediatly and

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Without all delaye, all other businesse
set apart, either to repaire and declare
thesame to his derely beloued vncle,
the lord protector, or some other of his
maiesties priuey counsaill, if that dooe
he maie cōueniently, or els at the least
doe declare and shewe thesame to the
Justice of the Peace next inhabitng.
The whiche Justice also, the Kynge
maiestie moste strenghtly commaūdeth
after the hearing thereof, immediatly
to apprehende thesaid persone, and af-
ter he be apprehended, to put thesaid
persō in gaole or safe custody, so to re-
main vnto suche time, he hath brought
furthe the author of thesaid tale or
newes, who told thesame to hym, and
so then to make further searche fro
persone to persone, so muche as lieth
in them to searche furthe and get out
the first author and beginner of the-
said tales and newes: and of their dili-
gence dooen herein, and the knowlege
by them gotten, to certifie without de-
laye vnder their seales in writynges,
the kynge's highnes saied derely belo-
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ned Uncle, vpon pain of incurrpug, as well concernpug thesame partie, so hearpug, readpug, knowpug or wittpug, and not immediatly declarpug, as is abouesaid, as concernpug the iustice of Peace, so hearpug and not immediatly geupug knowlege therof, as is abouesaid, of extreme daunger of his graces Lawes, and imprisonment of hys or their bodies, and as he & they will further answere for the greuous attemptes in that behalfe, at his graces pleasure.

And whoso euer shal reueale, bryng to light, and vtter the first inuictor and authour of suche false newes, vnttrue tales and lies, whiche tend to the slander and reproche of the Kynges moste royall person, the Lorde Protectors grace, and other of the kinges highnes honorable Counsaill, and other of his nobles, or els to the disturbaunce of the peace and quietnes of these his graces realmes, dominions, or subiectes, shall haue not onely his maiesties great and worthy thanks, but also conuenient

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and good reward, for faithfully doyng
his moſte bounden duetie therein.

The. xviij. daie of September.

A Proclamacion, concerning
the payment of pencions.



¶ Men ſhall vnderſtande,
that for diuerſe cauſes &
conſideracions, it is late-
ly ordered and decreed by
the kynges Maieſtie, and
his moſte honorable priuey counſaill,
that all perſones, as well religious, as
other, whiche haue either pencion, an-
nuitie, or corodie, graunted to them by
the kynges maieſtie that dedde is, or by
any late Abbot, Prior, or other gouer-
nor, as abouesaid, heretofore paid by
the receiuors of the Court of Augmē-
tacions, out of thiſſues, reuenues and
profites of theſame courte, ſhall from
hencefurthe receiue theſame pencion,
annuitie & corodie, perely, at handes
of the treaſorer of theſaied Courte of
Augmentacions, and Reuenues, or of
his deputie or deputies, and not at the
handes of theſaied particuler receiuor
of

of the same Courte, as heretofore hath
been accustomed: And the same to take
effecte, at the nexte tyme of paiment, at
Michaelmas next commyng. Where-
fore, it is ordred for the ease and quiet-
nes of the pencionaries and others, as
haue either pencion, annuite or corody
graunted as before, of what house or
houses soeuer thei wer of, or had their
grauntes, now dwelling within this
Shire, shall perely receiue thesame
within this saied Shire, at the handes
of the said treasurer, his deputie or de-
puties, at suche time and places, with-
in this Shire, as shalbee by the said
threasorer appointed. And for the bet-
ter accomplisment wherof, the kyn-
ges maiesties pleasure, with thadui-
se and consent of his graces moste hono-
rable priue counsaill, is, that all per-
sones within this shire, haupng any of
thesaied pencions, annuities or corod-
ies, & haupng knowlege of this Pro-
clamacion, and haupng no lawfull im-
pediment, shall appere at the
daie of next insupng, be-
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fore the deputie of thesaied threasorer.
being sent doune with this proclama-
cion, to take notice of their Patentes
and Grauntes, whiche thei shall not
faile but bring with them, and exhibit
to his saied deputie, to the intent the
saied threasorer maie be the more bet-
ter ascertained bothe of their state and
states, and of the some and sommes of
money whiche he shall appoynt vnto
his saied deputie for the contentacion
of their saied pencions, annuities and
corodies, whiche shalbe due vnto them
at Michaelmas next commyng: for the
whiche apparauncie and exhibiting of
thesaied patentes, grauntes and writ-
tynges, and takyng of thesaied notice,
no money shalbe demaunded nor requir-
red of any persone or persones by the
saied deputie for thesame. And that thei
shall now at this tyme repaire to the
place, where the kinges maiesties next
Audite shalbe kept within this shire,
for the receipt of their saied pencions,
annuities and corodies, due vnto them
as befoze: and there to shewe themsel-
fes,

fes before the deputie of the said threas-
 sorer, at whose handes thei shall re-
 ceive their saied pencions, annuities,
 and corodies. And in case there be any
 whiche shall not so personally appere,
 that then thei to sende a certificat in
 writyng, vnder the handes of two Ju-
 stices of the Peace, or of one Justice of
 peace, and one other gentleman of re-
 putacion of this Shire: declaryng, that
 the same person or persones are liuyng
 and in lawfull state, to receive his or
 their said pencion, annuitie or corodie:
 and thereupō the said threasorer or his
 deputie, to make payment accordyngly.

The xxvj. daie of December

A Proclamacion, concerning the irreue-
 rent collectors of the Sacrament.



Here as the Kynges
 highnesse hath of late,
 with the assent and con-
 sent, of the lordes Spiri-
 tuall and Temporal, and
 the commons in the Parliament helde
 the date of in the first yere
 of his mozte gracious reigne, made a
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good and Godly Acte and Estatute, against those, who doth contempne, despise, or with vnseemly and vngodly wordes, deptraue and reuile the holy Sacrament of the body and bloud of our lord (commonly called the Sacrament of thaltar.) And the same estatute hath moste prudently declared, by all the wordes and termes, whiche scripture speaketh of it, what is vndoubtedly to bee accepted, beleued, taken and spoken, by, and of the said Sacrament: Yet this not withstanding, his maiestie is aduertised. that some of his Subiectes, not contented, with suche wordes and termes, as scripture doth declare thereof, nor with that doctrine which the holy ghost, by the Euangelistes and Saint Paule, hath taught vs: do not cease to moue, contencious and superfluous questions, of the said holy Sacrament & supper of the lord, enterpung rashly into the discussing, of the high mystery thereof, and go about in their sermons or talkes, arrogantly to define the maner, nature, fashion, waies,

waies, possibilitie or impossibilitie, of
those matters whiche neither make to
edificacion, nor God hath not by his
holy worde opened. Whiche persones
not contented reuerently and with o-
bediēt faithe, taccept that the said Sa-
crament, accordyng to the sayng of. S
Paule, the bread is the communion or
partakynge of the body of the lorde, the
wine likewise, the partakynge of the
bloud of Christ, by the wordes institu-
ted and taught of Christ, and that the
body and bloud of Jesu Christ is ther
whiche, is our comforte, thankes ge-
uyng, loue token of Christes loue to-
wardes vs, and of oures as his mem-
bers within our self, searcheth and
strueth vnreuerētly, whether the bo-
dy and bloud, aforesaid, is there real-
ly, or figuratly, locally, or circūscript-
ly, and haupyng quantitie and greate-
nes, or but substancially, and by sub-
stance onely, or els but in a figure and
maner of speakyng: whether his bles-
sed body be there, hedde, legges, armes
toes and nailes, or any other waies,
shape

shape & maner, naked or clothed, whether he is broken & chewed, or he is alwaies whole, whether the bread there remaineth, as we see, or how it departeth, whether the flesh be ther alone & the bloud, or part, or ech in other, or in thone both, in thother but only bloud & what bloud, & only whiche did flow out of the side, or that which remained with other such irreuerēt superfluous and curious questiōs, (whiche, how & what, & by what meanes, and in what forme) maie bryng into them, which of humain & corrupt curiositie, hath desire to searche out, suche misteries as lieth hid in the infinite & bottomles depth of the wisdom & glorie of god, and to the whiche, our humain imbecillitie cānot attain, & therefore, ofte tymes turneth the same to their awne & others destruction, by cōtencion & arrogant rashnes, whiche simple and Christian affeccion reuerently receiuing and obediently beleeuing, without further searche, taketh and vseth to moste great comfort and profite. For refozmacion whereof,

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and to the intent that further contention, tumulte and question, might not rise emonges the Kinges Subiectes: The Kinges highnes, by the aduise of the Lorde Protector, and other his maiesties counsaill, straightly willeth and commaundeth, that no maner person from hencefurthe, do in any wise contenciously & openly argue, dispute, reason, preache or teache, affirming any more termes, of the said blessed Sacrament, then bee expressely taught in the holy Scripture, and mencioned in the forsaid act, nor deny none, whiche bee therein contained and mencioned, vntill suche tyme as the Kinges maiestie, by the aduise of his highnes counsaill, and the Clergie of this realme, shall define, declare and set furthe, an open doctrine thereof, and what termes and wordes, maie iustly be spoken therby, other then be expressely in the scripture, contained in the Acte before rehearsed. In the meane while, the Kinges highnes pleasure is, by the aduise aforesaid, that euery his louyng sub:
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iectes, shall deuoutly and reuerently,
 affirme and take that holy bread, to be
 Chriſtes body, and that Cuppe, to bee
 the cuppe of his holy bloud, accordyng
 to the purpoſt and effect of tholy ſcri-
 pture, contained in that before expreſ-
 ſed, and accomodate themſelf, rather
 to take theſame Sacrament worthely
 then railly to entre into the diſcuſ-
 ſyng of the high miſterie thereof. Yet
 the kynges highnes myndeth not here-
 by, to let or ſtoppe the ignorant, and
 willyng to learne quietly, reuerently
 and priuately, to demaunde of thoſe,
 whom he thynketh knoweth more, the
 further inſtruction and teachyng, in
 theſaid bleſſed Sacrament, ſo that the
 ſame be not doen with contencion, nor
 in open audience, with a company ga-
 thered together about them, nor with
 tumulte: Nor dooeth prohibite any
 manne hereby, likewiſe ſo quietly, de-
 uoutly and reuerently, to teache or in-
 ſtructe the weake and vblearned, ac-
 cordyng to the more Talent and lear-
 nyng, geuen to hym of God. But one-
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ly that all contenciō, strief and tumult
and irreuerentnes might be auoyded,
and in open audience or preaching, no-
thynge taught, but whiche maie haue
the holy scripture for warrant, vpon
pein that whosocuer shall opely, with
contencion or tumult, and in a compa-
ny gathered together, either in Chur-
ches, Alehouses, Markettes, or elles
where, contrary to the fourme and ef-
fect of this Proclamacion, defende and
maintein, or irreuerently and contem-
tiously demaunde of any manne, any of
the questions before rehearsed, either
on the one part, or of the other, or any
suche like, or do otherwise reuile, con-
tempne, or dispise thesaid Sacramēt,
by calling it Idoll, or other such vyle
name, shall incurre the Kynge's high
indignacion, and suffre imprisonment,
or to be otherwise greuously punished
at his Maiesties will and pleasure.

Geuyng further in authoritee, to
all Iustices of Peace within the Shires,
where thei dwell, to apprehende
and take all such as contenciously and
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tumultuously, with companies or routes, assembled about them, do dispute, argue or reason, or stiffely maintein, or openly preache and define, the questios before rehearsed, or any of them, or such like, either on the one part or thother, and to commit the same to prison, until suche tyme, as the Kynges maiesties pleasure herein bee knowen, and that thei immediatly doo certifie the name or names, of the partie so offendyng, and of them who were there, at the same tyme present, makyng the route or assēble, to the kinges highnes counsaill: Willpug and commaundyng the said Iustices, with al diligence to execute the premisses, accordyng to the purport, effect and true meaning of the same, and their moſte bound duties, as thei tender his highnes will and pleasure, and will answere to the contrary vpon their perill.

The. xvi. daie of Januarē.
A Proclamacion for the abſteynyng
from fleshe in the Lent tyme.

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The Kinges highnes, by
the aduise of his moſte en-
tierly beloued vncle, Ed-
ward duke of Somerſet,
Gouernor of his perſone,
and protector of all his realmes, domi-
nions and Subiectes, and other of his
priue Counſaill, conſidering that his
highnes, hath not onely cure & charge,
of the defence of his Realmes & domi-
nions, as a king, but alſo as a chriſtian
king, and ſupreme hed of the Church
of Englande & Irelande, a deſire, will,
and charge to leade & inſtruct his peo-
ple, to him committed of God, in ſuche
rightes, waies and cuſtomes, as might
bee acceptable to God, and to the fur-
ther increaſe of good liuing & vertue:
and that his Subiectes, now hauing a
more perfect and clere light of the Go-
ſpell and true woorde of the lord, tho-
rowe the infinite clemencie and mercie
of almighty God, by the handes of his
maieſtie, and his moſte noble father, of
famous memorie, promulgate, ſhewed
declared, and opened vnto the, ſhould

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and ought thereby, in all good workes
and vertues increase, be more forward
diligent and plentifull: As in fasting,
praier and alimose deedes, in loue, cha-
ritie, obedience, and other suche good
workes, commaunded to vs of God, in
his holy scripture: Yet his highnes is
aduertised and informed, that diuerse
of his Subiectes, bee not onely to all
these more slowe and negligēt, but ra-
ther contēpnors and dispisers of suche
good and godly actes and deedes, to the
whiche, if thei wer of their owne impu-
des bendid & inclined, thei needd not by
outward and princely power, bee ap-
pointed and commaunded. But for so
muche as at this time now alate, more
then at any other tyme, a greate parte
of his subiectes, do breake & contempne
that abstinence, whiche of long tyme
hath been vled, in this his Maiesties
realme, vpon the ffridaies and Sater-
daies, and the tyme commonly called
Lent, and other accustomed times, his
highnes is constrained, to see a conue-
nient order herein, set and appointed:

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Not myndyng thereby, that his Subiectes should thynke any difference, to bee in the daies or meates, or that the one should be to God more holy, more pure, or more cleane, then the other, for all daies and all meates, be of one and equall puritie, cleannes and holines, that we should in them, and by them, liue to the glory of God, and at all tymes, and for all meates, geue thanks vnto hym, of the whiche, none can defile vs at any tyme, or make vs vncleane being christian men, to whom, al thinges bee holy and pure, so that thei bee not vled, in disobedience and vice: but his maiestie hath allowed, and approued the daies and tymes, before accustomed, to be continued and till obserued here in this churche of Englande, bothe that men should on those daies abstein and forbear their pleasures, and the meates, wherein thei haue more delight, to the intent to subdue their bodies, vnto the soule and spirit, vnto the whiche, to exhorte and moue men, is the office of a good and Godly

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hedde and ruler, and also for worldly
and ciuill pollicie, certain daies in the
pere, to spare fleſhe and vse fiſhe, for
the benefit of the common wealth, and
profite of this his Maieſties realme,
whercof many be fiſhers, and men vs-
ing that trade of liuing, vnto the
whiche, this realme on euery part, en-
uironed with the Seas, and ſo plenti-
full of freſhe waters, dooth eaſely mi-
niſter occaſion, to the great ſuſtenaunce
of this his highnes people, ſo that here
by, bothe the nourishment of the lande
might bee increased, by ſaupng fleſhe,
and ſpecially at the ſpring tyme, when
Lent dooth commonly fall, and when
the moſte common and plenteous bre-
dyng of fleſhe is: And alſo, diuerſe of
his louing ſubiectes, haue good liuing-
ges, and get greate riches thereby, in
utterpug and ſellpug ſuche meates, as
the ſea and freſhe water doth miniſter
vnto vs, and this his maieſties realme
hath more plentie of Shippes, Boates
Trayers, and other veſſels, by reaſon
of thoſe, whiche by hope of lucre, dooe
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foloweth that trade of liuyng. Wherefore
his Maiestie hauing consideration,
that where men of their owne mindes,
do not geue themselves, so oft as they
should doo to fastyng, a common absti-
nence may and should be, by the prince
enioyned and commaunded, and hauing
an eye and mynd, to the profite and co-
moditee, of his realme and subiectes,
and to a common and Ciuill pollicie,
hath willed and commaunded, and by
these presentes dooeth will and com-
maunde, by thadvice aforesaid, all ma-
ner of persone and persones, of what
estate, degree, or condicio he or they be,
other then suche as alredy be, or here-
after shalbe excused by lawe, or licen-
sed, or aucthorised sufficiently to the
contrary, to obserue and kepe from
hencefurthe, suche fastyng daies, and
the tyme commonly called Lent, in ab-
steynyng from all maner of flethe, as
heretofore in this Realme, hath been
moste commonly vsed and accustomed,
vpon pain that whosoener shall, vpon
any daie, heretofore wont to bee fasted

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from

frō fleſhe, and not by the kynges high-
 nes, or his predecessors, abrogate and
 taken awaie, eate fleſhe contrary to
 this Proclamacion, ſhall incurre the
 kynges high indignacion, and ſhal ſuf-
 fre imprisonment, and bee otherwiſe
 greuouſly puniſhed, at his Maieſties
 wil and pleaſure. And further the kin-
 ges highnes, by the aduiſe aforeſaid,
 ſtraightly chargeth and commaundeth
 al Maiors, Bailieſes, and other hedde
 officers, and rulers of citees and tou-
 nes, and all Juſtices of Peace, in the
 Shires where thei be in Commiſſion,
 to be attendant and diligent, to there-
 cucion of this proclamacion, in comit-
 ting to priſon the offenders, contrary
 to this Proclamacion, vpon ſufficient
 proſſe thereof, by twoo ſufficient wit-
 neſſes, beſore them had and made, there
 to remain, durpng the kynges pleaſure
 accordyng to the true purport, effect, &
 meaning of theſame, as thei tender the
 kynges maieſties wil & pleaſure, & wil
 anſwere to the contrary at their peril.

And where the late kyng, of moſte
 famous

famous memory, father to his highnes
hath geuen diuerse peres, licēce to his
subiectes, in the tyme of Lent, to eate
butter, These, Egges, and other meates,
commonly called white meates,
the kynges highnes, by thaduisse afore
said, cōsiderpng thesame to haue been
doen, not without great consideraciōs
doth geuelikewise licence and auctho-
ritee, to all his loupng subiectes from
hencefurthe, frely for ever in the tyme
of Lent, or other prohibited tymes, by
lawe or custome, to eate butter. egges
These, and other white meates: Any
Lawe, statute, acte, or custome, to the
contrary notwithstanding.

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The vi. daie of February.

A Proclamacion against suche as innouate any
Ceremonie or Dreache without licence.



The kynges highnes,
by the aduise of his
mooste entirely belo-
ued vncle, the duke of
Somerset. Gouvernor
of his mooste Royall
persone,

persone, and Protector of all his real-
 mes, dominions and subiectes, and o-
 thers of his counsaill: considering no-
 thyng so muche to tende to the disquiet-
 tping of his realme, as diuersitee of o-
 pinions, and varietee of Rites and ce-
 rimonies, concerning Religion and
 worshipping of almightie God, and
 therefore studying all the waies and
 meanes, whiche can bee to directe this
 Church and the Cure, committed to
 his highnes, in one and moste true do-
 ctrine, Rite and vsage: Yet is aduer-
 tised, that certain priuate Curates,
 Preachers, and other laie menne, con-
 trary to their bounden dueties of obe-
 dience, dooth rashely attempt, of their
 owne and singuler witte and mynd, in
 some parishe churches and otherwise,
 not onely to perswade the people, from
 the old and accustomed rites and cere-
 monies, but also themselves, byngeth in
 new and straunge orders, every one in
 their church, accordyng to their phan-
 tasies: The whiche, as it is an euident
 token of pride and arrogancy, so it ten-
 deth

deth bothe to confusign and disorder,
and also to the high displeasure of al-
mightie God, who loueth nothyng so
muche as order and obedience: Where-
fore, his Maiestie straightly chargeth
and commaundeth, that no maner per-
sone, of what estate, order, or degree so
euer he be, of his priuate myght, will or
phantasie, dooe omitte, leaue doune,
chaunge, alter, or innouate any order,
rite or ceremonie, commonly vsed and
frequented, in the churche of Englande
and not commaunded to be left doune
at any tyme, in the reigne of our late
souereigne lorde, his highnes father, or
ther then suche as his highnes, by the
aduisse aforesaid, by his maiesties visi-
tors, Iniuncions, Statutes, or Pro-
clamacions, hath already, or hereafter
shall commaunde, to bee omitted, left,
innouated, or chaunged: But that thei
bee obserued after that sort, as before
thei were accustomed, or els now lithe
prescribed, by the authoritee of his
maiestie, and by the meanes aforesaid,
vpon pain that whosoever shall offend
contrary

contrary to this proclamacion, that incurre his highnes indignaciō, & suffre imprisonment, & other greuous punishments, at his maiesties will & pleasure

And to thintent, that rashe and sedicious Preachers should not abuse his highnes people, it is his Maiesties pleasure, that whosoever shall take vpon hym, to preache openly, in any parish Church, Chapell, or any other open place, other then those, which be licenced by the kynges maiestie, or his highnes Visitors, the Archebishop of Canterbury, or the bishop of the Diocese, where he dooth preache (except it be the Bishop, Person, Vicar, Deane or Parson, in his or their awne cure) shalbe furthwith, vpon suche attempt and preaching, contrary to this Proclamacion, committed to Prison, and there remain untill suche tyme, as his maiestie, by thadvisse aforesaid, hath taken order, for the further punishment of thesame. And that the premisses, shuld be more speedily and diligently doen & performed, his highnes geueth streightly

thly in commaundement, to al Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Sherifes, Constables, hedde Borrowes, churche wardens, and all other his Maiesties Officers and Ministers, and Rulers of Townes, Parishes, and Hamlettes: that thei bee diligent and attendaunt, to the true and faithfull erecucion, of this Proclamacion, and euery parte thereof, accordyng to the intent, purporte and effecte of thesame. And that thei of their procedynges herein (or if any offender bee, after thei haue committed thesame to prison) dooe certifie his highnes, the lorde protector, or his Maiesties Counsaill, with all speede thereof accordyngly, as thei tender his Maiesties pleasure, the wealth of the Realme, and will answere to the contrary, at their vttermoste perilles.

The .x. daie of Aprill.

A Proclamacion for the calling in of Testons.

Where as it is come to the knowlege of our soueraigne Lorde the kynges Maiestie, what fraude and corrupcion, hath

hath of late tyme been vsed, in the fals-
 syng of his highnes copne, nowe cur-
 rant, specially of the peces of. xii. d. cō-
 monly named Testons, by reason that
 thesame sort of copne, for the greatnes
 and facilitie of counterfaictyng, hath
 the rather geuen occasion, to diuerse
 euill persones, to stampe or cast peces
 of thesame forme and bignes, in greate
 multitude, the practizers whereof (as
 is knowen) are not onely menne here
 dwelling, but also for the moste parte
 haue been straungers dwelling, in fo-
 rain partes, who haue found the meas-
 nes to conueigh priuely, and disperse
 thesaied counterfeit peces abroad, in
 his maiesties dominions, to the greate
 deceit and detriment of his highnes
 moste louyng Subiectes, whiche haue
 receiued thesame: This maiestie there-
 fore myndyng the due reformation
 hereof, and to prevent the like practise
 hereafter, by the aduise and assent of
 his dearest vncle, the lorde Protector,
 and others of his counsaill, doeth will
 and commaunde, that from the last day
 of

of December next commynge, after the date hereof, thesaied copie or peces of xii. s. commonly named testons, shal no more be currant, within any his highnes realmes or dominions, but bee taken onely for Bullion. And further straightly chargeth and commaundeth al and singuler his highnes subiectes, and others whatsoeuer, beyng within any his maiesties saied realmes or dominions, that from thesaied last daie of December, thei or any of theim, shall not utter or receiue in paiment, any of thesaied Testons, as his highnes copie currant. And also, his highnes by the aduise aforesaid, willeth and commaundeth, that no maner of persone or persones, after thesaied last daie of December, shall buye or amasse, into his or their handes, any of thesaied Testons for a peculier gain to be had thereof, to hym or theim wardes, vpon pain of forfeiture.

Neuertheles, his highnes most gracious clemencie, tenderynge his subiectes and others interestes, whiche by

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lawfull

lawfull meanes dooe possesse thesaied
Testons, as their proper goodes, and
for aduoydng of the losse, whiche o:
therwise thei should sustein hereby: is
pleased, and doth ordein by the aduise
aforesaied, that euery persone or per:
sons, so haupng and possessyng thesaied
testons, beyng of his highnes iust stan:
darde, shall and maie byng or send the
same, to the officers of any of his Ma:
iesties Mintes, where in erchaunge
shalbe deliuered vnto him or them the
iust value and recompence thereof, as
thei be now currāt, either in grotes, or
other his highnes copnes, accordyngly

The xiiij. daie of April.

A Proclamation for Butter, Cheese &c.



Drafinuche, as at this
present tyme, by reason
that so many doth day:
ly Carry ouer beyonde
the seas, Butter, chese
Bacon, and tallowe, to
sell and retaile thesame, into forrein
partes, thesaied thynges beyng so ne:
cessary to be had, bothe for the kynges
maiesties

Maiesties prouisions, and also to the
sustenance of his highnes subiectes,
be wahren very scarce, and of great and
excessiue price: his highnes, by the ad-
uise and counsaill, of his entirely be-
loued vncle, the Lorde Protector, and
the rest of his Maiesties Counsaill,
streightly chargeth and commaundeth,
that no maner of Marchant, or other
person, of what estate, condicion, or de-
gree so euer thei bee, (excepte suche as
bee appoynted, to make prouision for
his highnes fortes and pitts, to be em-
ployed vpon thesame, and no other-
wise) doo from hencefurthe conueigh,
and lade into any shippe, to cary the-
same ouer, into the parties of beyonde
the Seas, any Butter, Chese, Bacon
or tallowe, to sel thesame again there,
vpon pain of forfaiture of all suche
Butter, Chese, Bacon or Tallowe,
as is so laden and shipped for that in-
tent: any licēce or graunt by his high-
nes, or by the late kyng, of famous me-
moꝝ, his maiesties father, made here-
tofoꝛe, notwithstanding.

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And his highnes, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, all his Maiors, Bailieues, Sherieues, Portrieues, Customers, Comtrollers & Serchers and other his Maiesties officers, that thei be diligent and attendant, in executing of thesaid Proclamacion, as thei tender his highnes will and pleasure, & will answere for the contrary.

The xxiii. day of April.

A Proclamacion, inhibiting Preachers.



Where as the Kynges Maiestie, our Soueraigne lord, by the singular gift and grace of almightie God, with the aduise of his moste entirely beloued vncle, the lorde Protector, and other of his highnes counsaill, hath made certain reformacions & orders, accordyng to the lawes and commaundement of God, in this his Maiesties churche of Englande, to the intent, that one and a moste Godly conformitee, might be had throughout all his realme: and is aduertised that diuerse

uerse vnlerned and vndiscrete preachers and other priestes, of a deuellish mynd and intent, hath not onely incited and moued his louyng Subiectes, aswell in Confession, as otherwise, to disobedience and stubbernesse, against his maiesties Godly procedynges, but also that other light and peruerse persons, hath sowed abroad false & traitorous rumours, against his highnes, their soueraigne lord, telling that they here saie, that his Maiestie will take and set vpon them, newe and straunge exaccions, as of euery one that is married, halfe a crowne, likewise of euery Christenynge, and of a Burial, with other suche lying and vnttrue surmises: wherby some leude and light persons, and that of no small number, geuyng credite to suche false tales, and other hauyng confidence in those Seditious Preachers, hath been Seduced, and brought to muche disorder of late, and in some parties, in maner to insurrection and rebellion, to his maiesties no litle grief, and disquietnes of his high

nes other louyng subiectes. ffor refo: macion whereof, and to thynkent, that by suche light and sedicious preachers and other suche like false and vain tale tellers, his maiesties subiectes, should not hereafter be brought and induced, to like misorder and inconuenience: his maiestie, by thaduisse afo: said, willeth and comaundeth, that no man tel furth spread abroad, or vtter, lies no: other suche vain leude & vnttrue tales, of the kynges maiestie, or his highnes proces synges and affaires, vpon pain of his maiesties displeasure, and greuous imprisonment of suche offendours body.

And also, for to erchue the hurt that maie come, of sedicious and contenci: ous preachyng, his highnes, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, notwithstanding any former commaundement or Iniunction, that no man hereafter, bee permitted or suffered to Preache, (not meanyng yet hereby, but that his highnes Homelies, should bee accordyng to his maiesties Iniunction, red and declared) except the same be licen: sed

sed therunto, by his maiestie, the lord
protector, or the Archebishop of Can-
torbury, vnder his scale:) and the same
to be shewed to the persone and curate,
and two honest men of the parische be-
side, before his saied Preachyng, vpon
pain of imprisonmēt, bothe of the prea-
cher, so preachyng without licēce, and
of the curate or persone, whiche suffe-
reth any suche without licence, as be-
fore is expresse, to Preache in any of
his or their Churches, or Chapelles,
or Churchyardes. And for further e-
xecucion of the premisses: his Maiestie
by the aduise aforesaid, willeth and
commaundeth, all maner Iustices of
Peace, to take diligent hede thereun-
to, and to commit vpon due examina-
cion, aswell thesaied preacher so prea-
chyng, without licence as aforesaid, as
the Curate or Person, sufferynge any
suche preacher, in his cure to preache,
to prison, and therupon certifie imme-
diatly, the lord Protector, or the kyn-
ges maiesties honorable counsaill, and
that they shall assist and aide, all suche
city. as

as be licenced by his maiestie, the lord
Protector, or the Archebishop of Can-
tobury, as aforesaid, as thei tender his
highnes wil and pleasure, and wil an-
swere to the contrary at their perill.

And where as other vnlarned and
euill disposed persones, haue not stic-
ked to instil and whisper, into mennes
eares, and to perswade abroad, euill
and perillous opinions, against Gods
law, and the good order of the realme:
some teachyng, that a manne maie for-
sake his wife, and mary another, his
first wife yet liuyng, and likewise, that
the wife maie doo to the husbände. O-
ther, that a man maie haue two wives,
or mo at once, and that these thynges,
be prohibited, not by Godes lawe, but
by the Bishop of Romes lawe: so that
by suche euill and phantasticall opi-
nions, some haue not been afraied in
deede, to mary and kepe twoo wives.
The whiche opinions, the kynges ma-
iestie, as a moste Christian Prince, by
the aduise aforesaid, not allowyng as
godly, or cōuenient to be spred abroad,

or mainteined in the realme, straightly
chargeth and commaundeth, all Arch-
bishoppes and Bishoppes, and other
whiche haue spirituall iurisdiccions,
within the realme, to proccede against
al suche as hath, or hereafter shal mar-
ry, or kepe, two wifes at once, (wher-
of the first is his lawfull wife) or shal
put awaie his wife, and marry another
and to punishe suche offenders, accor-
dyng to the Ecclesiastical lawes, with
graue and seuerer punishment, to feare
there with others, whiche els would
fall to suche insolent & vnlawful actes

And that all his highnes officers, &
louping subiectes, who hath charge or
zeale thereto, shal detect all suche of-
fendours, to thesaied Archebishoppes
and Bishoppes, and others that exer-
ciseeth spirituall iurisdiccion, and apde
thesame, to the punishment of suche
euill doers, accordyng to the order of
the lawe, in those cases. And if so bee,
thesaied Archebishoppes, Bishoppes,
or other, who hath the exercise of spi-
rituall iurisdiccions, be slacke and ne-
gligent,

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gligent, in therecucion of the said pro-
cesse, and punishyng suche ciuill doers
as is before reherfed, that then the iu-
stices of Peace, in euery shire, or any
other his maiesties louyng subiectes,
shall declare and signifie, suche offen-
dors and misdoers, to the kinges high-
nes counsaill, by their letters, that his
highnes, by thaduiſe aforesaid, might
be a conuenient redresse made, of suche
misorder, and loke more streightly vpon
the Archebishops and Bishops,
whiche doth not execute their dueties
in this behalf, accordyng to the truste
committed vnto theim.

The xxij. daie of September.

A Proclamacion, for the inhibi-
tion of al Preachers.



Whereas of late, by rea-
son of certain contro-
uersious and sedicious
preachers, the kinges
maiestie, moued of cer-
teine zeale & loue, which
he hath to the quiete of his subiectes,
by thaduiſe of the lorde protector, and
other his highnes counsaill, hath by
proclamacion,

proclamacion, inhibited and commaūded, that no maner of persone, ercepte suche as was licenced by his highnes, the lorde Protector, or by the Archbishop of Cantorbury, should take vpon hym to preache, in any open audience, vpon pain in thesaied Proclamacion conteined, and that vpon hope and es-
peraunce, that those beynge chosen and elect men, should preache and setfurth onely to the people, suche thynges as should bee to Gods honor, and the benefite of the kynges Maiesties subiectes. Yet neuerthelesse, his highnes is aduertised, that certain of thesaied Preachers so licenced, not regardyng suche good admonicions, as hath been by thesaied lorde protector, and the rest of the counsaill on his maiesties behalf by Letters, or otherwise geuen vnto them, hath abused thesaied aucthoritie of preachyng, and behaued themselves irreuerently, and without good order in thesaied preachynges, contrary to suche good instruccions and aduertisements, as was geuen vnto them, whereby
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much contention and disorder might
rise and insue, in this his Maiesties
realme: wherefore his highnes, mpy-
ndyng to see very shortly, one vniforme
order throughout this his realme, and
to put an ende of all controuerfies in
Religion, so farre as God shall geue
grace (for whiche cause at this tyme,
certain bishoppes and notable learned
men, by his highnes commaundement
are congregate) hath by thaduise afor-
saied thought good, although certain
and many of thesaied preachers so be-
fore licenced, haue behaued themself
very discretly and wisely, and to the
honor of God and his highnes conten-
tacion, yet at this present and vntill
suche tyme, that thesaied order shalbe
set furthe generally, throughout this
his Maiesties realme, to inhibite, and
by these presentz dooth inhibite, gene-
rally, aswell thesaied preachers so be-
fore licenced, as all maner of persones
whosoeuer thei bee, to preache in open
audience in the pulpit or otherwise, by
any sought colour or fraude, to the di-
sobeiing

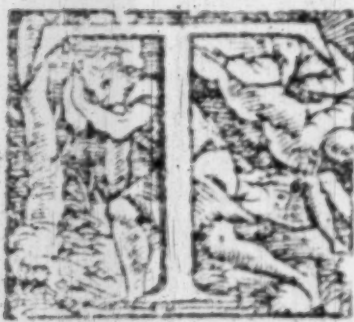
sobering of this commaundement, to
chintent that the whole clergie in this
meane space, might apply themselves to
praier to almightie God, for the better
acheupng of the same moſte Godly in-
tent and purpose, not doubting but
that also his louyng Subiectes, in the
meane tyme will occupie themselves to
Goddes honor. With due praier in the
Churche, and patient hearpyng of the
Godly Homelies, heretofore set forth
by his highnes Inuuncions vnto the,
and so endeuer themselves that they maye
be the more ready with thankfull obe-
dience, to receiue a moſte quiet, godly,
and vniſorme order, to be had through-
out all his ſaied realmes & dominions.
And therefore, hath willed all his lo-
uyng officers and miniſters, as well iu-
ſtices of peace, as Maiors, Sherieſes,
Bailifes, Conſtables, or any other his
officers, of what eſtate, degree, or con-
dicion ſoeuer they be, to be attendaunt
vpon this proclamation and commaũ-
demēt, and to ſe the infringers or breas-
kers thereof to be impriſoned, and his
highnes

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highnes. or the lorde protectors grace,
or his Maiesties counsaill, to be certi-
fied thereof immediately, as thei tender
his Maiesties pleasure, and will aun-
swere to the contrary at their perill.

The last daie of Decemb.

A Proclamation, for the payment of the
late incumbents of Colleges



The Kynge's moste ex-
cellent maiestie, by the
advise of his most dere
uncle Edward Duke
of Somerset, Gouver-
nor of his moste royal
persone, and Protector of all his real-
mes, dominions and Subiectes, mpy-
ndyng to provide for the late Incumben-
tes of Colleges, Chauntries, Stipen-
daries, Fraternities, Guildes, & suche
other within this shire of con-
venient and reasonable recompences
and pencions, accordyng to the statute
in the first yere of his highnes reigne
in that behalfe ordeined: hath comaun-
ded and appoynted, severall Letters
patentes to be made, vnder the greate
seale of the court of thaugmentacions
and

and reuenues of his maiesties crowne,
for the pencions of thesaied late Iacob
bêtes, which patentes his maiestie, by
theaduise aforesaid, doth all his faithfull
subiectes to vnderstande, are presently
sent to the handes of his highnes audite
tor, receiuor and surueior of this coun-
tie, with streight commaundement vnto
to them, to deliuer the same Patentcs
immediatly, and to make payment vnto
the parties whom thei concerne, now,
and hereafter perely franke and free,
without fee, ductie, or some of money
to bee demaunded, or taken of thesaied
pencioners, either to his maiesties vse
or to the vse of any Officer, Minister,
Clerke or other persone. Wherefore,
his maiestie willeth all those persons,
whiche haue to doo herein, to resort to
his highnes Audite, now presently to
bee holden within thesaied Countie, or
els where the same officers shal
bee, and there thei shall re-
ceiue their Pencions
accommyngly.

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The last daie of January.

A Proclamation for the pro-
longacion of Testons.



Where as the Kynges
moste excellent maie-
stie, with the aduise
and assent of his dereft
uncle, Edward duke
of Somerset, Gouer-
nor of his royall person, Protector of
his highnes realmes, dominions, and
Subiectes, and the rest of his graces
counsail, hath heretofore by Procla-
macion, bearing date the .x. daie of Aprill
in the second yere of his reigne, geuen
notice and commaundment, to all ma-
ner his louyng subiectes and others,
haunting his maiesties realmes o; do-
minions, that from the last daie of the
Moneth of December last passed for-
wardes, the peces of .xij. d. commonly
called Testons, should no lenger bee
curraunt, nor passe in paiement o; re-
ceipt as his graces coyne, but be taken
onely for bullion: Whereunto his ma-
iestie was moued vpon suche conside-
rations,

racions, as in thesaied former proclama-
cion, was more at large expressed.
Forasmuche as it hath liethens come to
his highnes knowlege, that by reason
of the greate number of thesame Tes-
tōs, whiche at this present are disper-
sed abroad, in so many mennes handes,
beside no lesse cautele and pollicie, vled
euen hard vpo the daie by diuerse, ma-
kpng whole painmētes in thesaid copie
and specially for that, those that haue
plentie of other money, take vnraso-
nable allowance of the pooer sorte,
whiche is moste to be relieued, for the
erchaunge of those testons, muche de-
triment and inconuenience should en-
sue, to the possessors of thesame, onles
a remedy by prolongyng of the terme
then appoynted for their calling in
were prouided: his maiestie therefore,
by the aduise aforesaid, is moste graci-
ously pleased, willeth and commaun-
deth, that the terme of the calling of
thesaied peces of. xij. d. commonly cal-
led Testons, shalbe yet further prolō-
ged and extended, to the first daie of

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Maie nexte commyng, after the date hereof. And that durynge all the meane space, thesaied Testons (beyng of his highnes standerd) shalbe currant thowrout his highnes realmes and dominions, after no lesse value and sort, then if thesaied former proclamacion, for their calling in had not been made.

Directed alwaies, that after thesaied first date of Maie, thesaied Testons shall no longer bee currant, but bee vsed in suche sorte, as that former proclamaciō doth specifie, this present prolongacion notwithstanding.

And further, his maiestie exhorteth all his said louyng subiectes, that like as his highnes for their benefite, was moued to reuoke thesaied Testons, and for their more commoditie is pleased, to prolong the date of their calling in: so thei also in the meane while, will haue the better regard and hede, that suche Testons as thei take, bee of his maiesties stāderd and copie, seying the number to be suche of false and forrein testons, as are now so dispersed abroad
to

to the deceit and losse of the takers:
and that durpug this tyme of respite,
thei indeuour themselves from daie to
daie, by porcions and smaller somes,
to bypug in suche testons as thei shall
haue, into any his maiesties mintes, as
shall best serue for their purpose, there
to receiue the iust erchaunge of the
same: so as by lpygerpug or: deferryng
of the bypugpug in of suche Testons,
vntill thesaied first daie of Maie, li:
mitted by this peremptory adinouciõ.
their negligence be not cause that whẽ
the mintes (if the whole masse come in
at once) are pestered, their erchaunge
shall not be so ready vnto theim as o:
therwise it should.

Moreover, because his Maieſtie
moſte graciously aboue other thynges
tenderpug the relief of the poorer ſort
of his louyng ſubiectes, doth conſider,
that their nede or vnhabilitie, to for:
beare by a ſpace (bee it neuer ſo ſmall)
the erchaunge of their Testons at his
graces Mintes, might be an occaſion
that others of the richer ſorte, with
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whom thei should perehaunce bee di-
 uen to bargain for other money, in lieu
 of their Testons, should then exacte or
 take of theim vnrasonably, for the ex-
 chaunge (as it hath comen to his high-
 nes knowlege, that some all redy haue
 not been ashamed to demaunde, & take
 against all cōscience and equitie.) This
 highnes therefore, by the foresaied ad-
 uise, dooth straightly charge and com-
 maunde, that no maner of persone or
 persones, whatsoeuer thei be, do take
 by any meanes, for the gain of the ex-
 chaunge of any Testons, aboue .ij. s. for
 euery pound in Testons (whiche is .xx
 s.) and after that rate, for smaller so-
 mes in Testons, vpo pain of losse and
 forfaiture of so muche money, or the
 value thereof, as he or thei for any
 higher rate of gain, in euery pounde or
 smaller somes, shall haue deliuered in
 erchaunge for testons to any persone,
 the one moytie therof to be applied to
 his highnes, and the other to the par-
 tie complaining.

And finally, his maiesties pleasure

is, that betwene this and the first daie of Maie aforesaid, no maner persone, bee so hardy to refuse in paimentes greate or small, any suche Testons of his graces standard, but shall accepte them no lesse then other his highnes cohne for the tyme, vpon pein aforesaid.

In whiche behalf, his maiestie likewise chargeth all maner Maiors, Shieries, Baylives, Iustices of Peace, and others his graces officers and ministers of Justice, that thei, or suche of them as by information of the partie complaining, shall haue due knowlege hereof, faile not to se the whole effecte of this penaltie executed, vpon the partie complained on (if he be giltye) as otherwise thei themselves shalbe Subject to the like daunger, vpon further information against them geuen.

Provided also, that suche person or persones, as al redy haue collected together, at other mennes handes, any Testons for a gain, that is to saie, after a lesse rate and value, then thei were currant, shall not by occasion of

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any thyng or clause herein contained,
otherwise utter, dispise, or put in vze,
any suche Testōs so by them collected
but shall onely bypung them into the
Mintes without saypung, as euery
suche offenders, beyng vpon like infor-
macion founde culpable, shall incurre
the like penaltie in eche behalfe, as is
before expessed.

The. xix. daie of February.

A Proclamacion concerning Pira-
tes and robbers of the Sea.



The multitude of Pira-
cies and Robberies
on the Seas, beyng of
late greatly increased
to the Kynge's Maie-
sties high displeasure,
and no small flaunder of this his high-
nes realme, by reason that suche per-
sones, who had the chief care & charge
thereof, and should mooste especially
haue seen thesame redressed and amen-
ded, hath rather been concealors or
maintainers of suche Piracies, as of
late (by the grace of God) it hath been
reuealed and doth appere: his maiestie
therefore,

therefore, by the aduise of the Lorde
 Protector, and the rest of his highnes
 counsaill, moste earnestly myndyng to
 procede with all care and force, against
 thesaied Pirates and Sea Robbers;
 and to cause his Lawes more seuerely
 to be executed, lest perauenture any of
 his loupng Subiecttes, should either
 ignorauntly fall into daungier, or wil-
 lingly pretende ignorance of his La-
 wes, dooth by this his maiesties Pro-
 clamacion, straightly charge and com-
maunde, that no maner of persone or
 persones, do by any colour or pretence
 from hencefurthe, receiue, aide, succor,
 releue, defende, conceale, or abbet any
 maner of Pirat or Pirates, whatsoe-
 uer thei bee, either on the seas, or in a-
 ny Porte, Hauen, Creke, or any other
 toune of the kynges maiesties, or in a-
 ny other place, within his Maiesties
 realmes and dominions, by sea or land
 vpon pain that whosoever shall offende,
 contrary to this Proclamacion, shall
 be taken for a Pirate or fautor of the,
 and suffre suche paines of death, losse

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of gooddes, and forfeitures, as the Pirates themselves or their fautors, by the Lawes of this Realme, should or ought to do. And whatsoeuer persone or persones, shall buye of any Pirate, or by any other fraude or couen, shall wittingly take any maner of gooddes or marchaundises, Piratically taken, or conceale thesame: the persone so offending, to bee taken for a receiuor of Pirates, and so iudged, and suffre accordyng to the Lawes of this realme. And whosoever hereafter shall buy or take by erchaunge, or any other colour any gooddes of any Pirate, or whiche were Piratically taken: The kynges highnes, by the aduise aforesaid, further willeth that the person so takyng suche gooddes, as aforesaid, shall not onely be compelled to deliuer thesaid gooddes and Marchaundises, to the true owners of thesaid gooddes, without any recompence therefore, if they require thesame, but also bee further punished by imprisonmēt or otherwise at his highnes pleasure. And for the better

better repressyng of the like robberies
 and Piracies hereafter, his Maiestie
 willeth and requireth, all and euery
 his maiesties louyng subiectes, to en-
 deuour theimselfes, to the best of their
 powers, to apprehende and take the
 saied Pirates, by all waies and mea-
 nes thei maie, whereby, thei shall not
 onely thew theimselfes good subiectes
 to his Maiestie, but also be well assu-
 red to be further rewarded, and consi-
 dered of his Maiestie, in suche sort, as
 thei shall haue good cause to bee well
 contented: wherfore, his highnes wil-
 leth and commaundeth, all Iustices of
 Peace, all Maiors, Shierifes, Con-
 stables, Hedborowes, portereues, and
 al his officers and ministers, to se this
 proclamation erecuted and performed
 accordyng to the true meanyng there-
 of, without any parcialitie or fauor, as
 thei tender the kynges maiesties plea-
 sure, and will auoyde the contrary at
 their vttermoste perilles.

The first daie of Aprill.

A Proclamation concernyng Piraciours.

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any money is iustly due by vs, for thinges taken to our vse, as aforesaid, to bring in, and deliuer to the Shierif of the said Countie, before the feast of. S. Michaell the Archangell, now next commynge, their billes cōteynynge their awne names, their dwelling place, and the debt, and the thynges whereof the debt riseth, with the names and tymes, also by whom, and when the same thynges were taken. And furthermore our pleasure and commaundement is, that the Shierif of our said Countie, for the pere beēpnge, shall receiue all suche billes of debtes, as shalbe before the said feast of. S. Michaell, brought vnto hym, and deliuer safely within. xx. daies next ensuyng the said feast of. S. Michaell, suche of the said billes, as concerne the debt of our household, to the handes of our Loser, and suche as concerne our debtes, for any other our prouisions, to the handes of the Threasurer, and Barons of our Exchequer, or their deputies for that purpose, without failynge thereof, as they

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Will answere to vs for the contrary at
their perill: wherupon, we mynd tho:
tly after God willing, to geue suche
order, for the satisfaccion of our good
Subiectes, as shall stande with good
reason, equitie and Justice.

The xx. caie of April
A Proclamation for the va-
luacion of Golde



Asomuche as diuerse
persones nowe of late
tyme, haue founde the
meanes, to coueigh the
kyniges maiesties copne
in Gold, and especially
the old copne of Rialles, Angels, halfe
Angels, Trownes of the Rose, and o:
ther of that o: like standard, and also
soueraignes, halfe Soueraignes, and
other of his Maiesties newe copne of
gold, to the great disfurnishyng of the
realme: his highnes, by thadvice of his
mooste entierly beloued vncle, the lorde
Protector, and the rest of the counsaill
straightly chargeth and commaundeth
that no maner persone whatsoeuer he
be, do from hencefurthe conueigh, any
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of the said copnes, broken or whole, into the parties beyonde the Seas, vpon pain that euery suche offendor or offenders, shall incurre the kynges Maiesties displeasure, and suffre imprisonment of his or their bodies, at his highnes Will and pleasure, ouer and beside suche paines and forfeiture, as bee in suche case by the lawes and statutes, of the realme appoynted and prouided

And further the kynges maiestie, by the aduise aforesaid, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, that no maner persone do buye or sell, any of the said copnes afore rehersed, for other price, then accordyng as thei be valued, and appoynted by this the kynges Maiesties Proclamacion. That is to saie, the Angell of Golde, at .ix.s.vij.d. the halfe Angell, at .iiij.s.x.d. The hold riall .xiiij.s.vi.d. the new Soueraigne at .xx.s. the halfe Soueraigne at .x.s. and the crowne at .v.s. and so al other the kynges Maiesties copne, accordyngly as thei be in this or others his Maiesties Proclamacions, cessed and valued, vpon

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pon pain that if any man, shall either buye or sell thesaied copnes, or any of theim, ouer and aboue the price afore-
saied, so in the Proclamacion assessed,
valued or limited, both the seller and
buyer, shall forfeit thesaied copnes, so
bought or sold, and ten tymes the va-
lue thereof, the one moytie to the kyn-
ges maiestie, the other to the presenter
or demander, in any of the kynges ma-
iesties Courtes, by bill, accion of debt
or information, as in suche cases here-
tofore hath been accustomed, and fur-
ther to suffer imprisonment for euery
suche offence, at the kynges maiesties
will and pleasure. And for asmuche as
diuerse persones, within this realme,
aswell Goldsmithes as Marchantes
and men of other occupacions, hath vs-
ed now of late, contrary to the lawes
and statutes of this realme, to buy and
sell the kynges maiesties coine, of, and
for higher price then it is, by his Ma-
iesties Proclamaciō, rated and valued
and so cull and trie out the finest and
heauiest, and meltē theim doune, or o-
therwise

shewise make gain vpon them, leuynge
 the lightest and lest fine, onely to bee
 curraunt amonges the kynges Maie-
 sties people, to the great empairyng of
 his highnes copne, defraudyng of his
 subiectes, and disfurnishyng and flaun-
 dering of the Mintes: It is his high-
 nes will and pleasure, by the aduise a-
 foresaid, that the old and auncient la-
 wes, Statutes, and Customes of this
 realme, in this case bee put in vze and
 execution, and that no maner persone,
 attempt from hencefurth to sell or buy
 any maner of money, or copne of this
 realme, whatsoeuer it bee, or cull out
 the heuieest and finest of it, or melt any
 maner of copne of golde or siluer, cur-
 raunt in this Realme, by what name
 so euer it bee called, vpon paine of for-
 feiture of the same money so exchaun-
 ged, bought, sold, culled out, or melted
 and of imprisonment of the body of the
 buyers, sellers, chaungers, cullers, or
 melters of the said money, without
 mainprise, at his highnes will & pleas-
 sure. Thone moptie of the whiche for-
 feiture,

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feiture, shalbe to the kynges highnes
the other moytie to the informer or de-
maunder, in any of the kynges Maie-
sties Courtes of record, by bill, accion
of debt or complaint, where no esopne
nor proteccion shall serue.

Prrouided, that it shalbe lefull to a-
ny persone, to sel the copnes before re-
herfed, or any other, into any of the
kynges maiesties Mintes, vpon suche
prices, as his maiestie there doth geue
and the Officers there maie buye the
same, so to melt and coyne them, to the
Kynges Maiesties vse, accordyng to
their Indentures, any thyng in this
present proclamacion notwithstanding

Furthermore, it is diuerse waies
come to notice and knowlege, that su-
derp persones in the parties beyonde
the seas, haue now of late attempted,
to counterfeict the Testons, Shillyn-
ges, Grotes, and other the kynges ma-
iesties copnes of siluer, and in greate
multitude do priuely, bryng them into
this Realme, to the preiudice of the
kynges maiestie and his subiectes. For
redresse

redresse whercof, it is his highnes wil
and pleasure, by the aduise aforesaid,
that all Maiors, Shierifes, Bailifes,
Constables, all Customers, Cōptrol-
lers and Searchers in their offices, al
Justices of Peace in their Sessions,
and all other his highnes officers and
ministers, doo make the mosse diligent
searche and inquirie, that thei possible
maie for suche offēdors, and that euery
suche person, who wittingly and wil-
lingly, shal bring frō beyond the seas
into this realme, or in this realme vt-
ter or sell by erchaunge, or for other
money or wares, any testōs, shillinges
half shillynge, Grotes, or any other
moneys of gold or siluer, of the kynges
Maiesties stampe, knowyng the same
to be copned in the parties beyond the
seas, or in any other part or place, out
of the kynges maiesties Mintes, shall
suffre paines of death, and losse of all
landes, goodes and catatls, as by the
lawes of the Realme, counterfeiters
of the Kynges Maiesties copne, their
adherentes, fautors, abettors, or con-
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cealers, hath been wont & accustomed.

And his highnes, by thaduisse afore-
said, straightly chargeth and commaū-
deth, all Maiors, Shiriefes, Bailifes
Constables, and hedborowes, all Ju-
stices of Peace, and all other his Ma-
iesties officers, ministers and subiec-
tes, to bee aiding and assisting, to the
executing of this present Proclama-
cion, as thei tender the wealthe of the
Realme, their owne commoditie, and
his Maiesties will and pleasure, and
will answere to the contrary at their
uttermoste perilles.

The vi. daie of Aprill.

A Proclamation for the reforma-
cion of light horsemenne.

Where as it is come to the
knowlege, of the Kynges
most excellēt maiestie, that e-
mōges other disorders of late
tyme, crept into the aunciēt discipline
of warre, heretofore obserued mooste
straightly, by the Subiectes of this
realme, as the chiefest cause of so many
victories, whiche, by meanes thereof
haue risen to the same: there is a notas-
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ble and perillous sorte, of deceit and
breche of that discipline, used aswel by
capitaines, as souldiors entertained in
his highnes wages, and specially such
capitaines of lighthorsemen, and those
of their bandes, beyng of the Counties
of Northumberland, Cumberland,
Westmerlande and other places of the
borders, as for defence of the same, are
enterteined still in wages, to his Ma-
iesties no small charge, and expence of
threasure: Whiche capitaines, hauing
not so muche before their eyes, their
duetie toward their soueraigne Lorde
and Countrey, nor yet their owne sure-
ties, as a vile mynde, and filthy respect
to their owne gain, by deceiuing of his
highnes, and pollung of the souldiors,
without shame or drede, dooe not onely
diminish the their numbers, appoynted
to serue vnder them (saung that for a
coloure at the Muster daie, they haue
some others to supply the voyde places)
but also by pattishment with vn-
mete and vnservisable men, for a lesse
wages then his highnes alloweth, do
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in suche sorte disguise their numbers
 (contrary to his highnes expectacion,
 and trust reposed in them) as in a ma-
 ner the thirde parte of the numbers,
 whiche his maiestie appoynteth & pa-
 yeth for, is not redy, able, or sufficiētly
 furnished to do that seruice, whiche is
 looked for, to the greate deceipt of his
 maiestie, and no lesse daunger of suche
 other his highnes true Subiectes and
 souldiours, as vpon confidence of thair
 of suche light horsemen, to ioyne with
 them at any encounter with the enemy,
 finde themselves deceiued and abandor-
 ned. Accordyng to the which said most
 naughtie and shamefull behauiour of
 suche capitaines, the souldiours in like
 sorte, that are of their bandes, takyng
 thereat example and boldnes, doo nei-
 ther prouide themselves of horse or har-
 nes, mete to serue withall, nor yet be-
 yng commaunded to set furthe, towar-
 des any place of seruice, do repaire the-
 ther together, but sometime more then
 the halfe part remaineth behinde, or if
 they go, sticke not to retorne home by
 small

small companies without leaue, with
seuerall praies & booties, more sought
of the then seruice. And that is wourst
of all, at any approche or affronture of
the enemye, without order, or respecte
of abiding by the standerd, doo vse co-
monly vpon every litle moment, or cau-
seles, to beginne the flight, betraying
their felowes, whiche, through suche
their flying lose often tymes, that as-
sured aduantage of victorie, whiche
with their taryng, they might bothe
haue been partakers of. And moreouer
if so be they tary, they do it not so much
for discharge of their profession of ser-
uice, as onely for desire of spoyle and
pillage, whiche pillage they seke not so
much vpon the enemies, as rather v-
pon his highnes awne subiectes or frē-
des, namely the assured Scottisshmen,
whose gooddes and cattals, diuerse of
those light horsemen of Northumber-
lande, and others of the borders, haue
of late moste rauenously spoyled and
robbed, as by sundery complaintes of
suche assured menne, it hath been tou-

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ched : his maiestie therefore, myndyng
the reformation hereof, by thadvice of
his dearest vncle and counsaillor, the duke
of Somerset, gouernor of his persone,
and protector of his maiesties realmes
dominions and subiectes, and the rest of
his highnes priue counsaill, hath deter-
mined, & straightly chargeth and com-
maundeth all and singuler the capitai-
nes of any bandes, or numbers of light
horsemen, & specially capitaines of any
bâdes, or number of light horsemen be-
yng of the countie of Northumberland,
or any other Countie or place, vpon a-
ny the borders anemyst Scotland, that
thei accordyng to the numbers thein
appoynted, and wages for thesame al-
lowed, faile not from hencefurthe to
entertain, and haue in continuall ar-
dines, thesaied whole and entier nom-
ber, without diminishment in any part
of thesaied number, or defalcacion of a-
ny parte of the wages, so allowed by
his highnes, to euery suche light horse-
man of their bande. And further, that
thesaied Capitaines faile not, to haue
their

their saied complet bandes alwaies, in
 suche a redines, from tyme to tyme to
 serue, as vpon one houres warnyng,
 to be geuen them by his highnes com-
 missaries, wardens, or other chief of-
 ficers there for the tyme beeyng, thei
 maie bee founde ready to set furthe, to
 what place thei shalbee appoynted.
 And mozeouer, that none of thesaied
 Capitaines, or any light horsemen of
 their bandes, be so hardy at any roade,
 or other inuasion of the enemies ground
 or defence of the borders, to depart fro
 the standard, or otherwise forsake or
 shatter from the rest of the armie or
 company, either with their whole bā-
 des, or smaller partes for spople, or or-
 ther cause: Nor yet be so hardy to for-
 sake or depart fro any fortresse, to the
 garde whereof thei shalbe appoynted,
 vnles thei shall haue expresse comaun-
 dement, or licēce of the chieftain of the
 enterpryse, or capitain of y fort so to do

And finally, that thesaied capitaines
 and light horsemen of their bandes,
 forbearc and refrain from hencefurth,

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to commit any spoyles, or other pillages vpon any of the assured Scottissh men, their goodes, landes or cattalles, whiche haue been receiued into his maiesties protection, onlesse the commissaries or chieftain for the tyme being, vpon the not keeping of promise by those assured men, do geue them commaundment so to do.

And that in likewise, thei forbear from the enbailepung or pilferpung, either of Horses, Geldynges, Harneis, Weapons, or any other thyng pertaynyng to any other souldiour, seruyng his maiestie in the warres on that side, whereby the seruice of the partie so robbed, by any of thesaied light horsemen, should be hindered and be endamaged. Also, that no capitain of light horsemen, or souldiour of his bande, be so hardy as to sell, geue, exchaunge, or otherwise by any fraude, cautele, or train, directly, or indirectly procure or finde the meanes, to set out of purpose any horse, mare or geldyng to be taken or come into the possessiō of any Scottisshman

Englishman, or other straunger being his
maiesties enemye, vpon paine that what
soeuer capitaine or capitaines, souldior
or souldiors of their bandes, aforesaid,
whiche shall in any part neglect, diso-
bey, or breake any point of this his
maiesties commaundement and order
of reformation in these seuerall cases,
afore rehearsed, or els disobey or breake
the orders of reformation set furthe by
the last Parliament, in the Articles
where paine of death is expressed, shall
from hencefurth, vpon due proofe of the
offence, incurre the daunger and losse
of his or their lives by execution, at the
direction of his maiesties Lieutenant,
Warden, Commissaries, or other ge-
nerall Capitaine or gouernor, there by
his highnes for the tyme placed.

And semblably, if any souldiour or
souldiours, being placed in garrisons
within any his Maiesties peeces, vpon
the borders, or within Scotlande, be-
ing by the Capitaine of thesaied peeces
assigned, to any charge of watche or
warde, for the suretie of thesaied pece,

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from hencefurth be so hardy, before licence or discharge of the Capitain, to leaue their watche or warde appoynted, to the daunger of losse of the pece: his Maiestie, by the foresaied aduise, dooth will and order, that the offender or offendours herein, vpon due proffe shal incurre the like daunger and pain of death, at the direccion aforesaid. And in case any assured Scottishman, shall help to coueigh by any meanes of purpose any Horse, Mare or Gelding vnto the enemye: his maiestie willeth and is pleased, that vpon due proffe thereof, the partie offendyng herein, shall lose the benefite of his assuraunce, and fro thencefurth be vsed, as if no suche assuraunce had been made vnto hym: straightly chargyng & commaundyng, all and singuler his Maiesties Commissioners, Wardens, and other generallies vpon the borders, for the tyme beyng, and by whatsoeuer name of office, it shal please his highnes to name them, that they not onely se the whole effect of this reformation, to be put in
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be and obserued, vpon the publishing
of this present Proclamation, but also
that they faile not to correcte and pun-
nise the offenders, here against or any
poynt hereof, in no lesse degree then
is herein contened, as otherwise they
will sustein his Maiesties displeasure
and indignation, and answere for the
contrary, at their vttermoste perilles.

The xij. daie of Aprill.

A Proclamation concerning Dyeing
and Wearing of Clothes



Where, by the making
of vnttrue, & false Clo-
thes, w^{ch} in this realme
nowe within fewe ye-
res, practised and vsed
not onely greate infam-
y and slaunder, hath growen to the
same realme, but also the kynges Ma-
iesties faithfull and true Subiectes,
haue susteined greate losse: the kynges
moste excellent Maiestie, myndyng to
putte awaie all occasions, of thesaied
slaunders, and to set furthe suche an
order, in his comon wealth, that truth
maie rule, and falschod be vtterly banis-
hed,

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shed, hath thought it good, by thaduiſe of his moſte derely beloued Uncle, the Duke of Somerſet, Gouvernor of his royall perſone, and Protector of al his realmes, dominions and ſubiectes, and the reſt of his priuey Counſaill, to ſet furthe and publiſhe to his ſubiectes, a perfect order, of the making of clothes in al places of this his highnes realme and other his Maieſties Dominions: whiche his highnes willet, & ſtraighly chargeth and commaundeth, al and ſingular his louyng and obedient ſubiectes, that vſe to make and ſell Clothes, to obſerue and kepe, vpon pain of his graces diſpleaſure, and impriſonment of their bodies.

Fiſt, that euery Clothier, from, and after the feaſt of the Natiuitie of Saint Ihon Baptiſt next commyng, ſhall ſet his ſcale of Leade to the cloth declaring thereby, the iuſt lengthes thereof, to be tried by water. And that no perſone, after theſaid feaſt, keepyng any Tenter, or vſyng to ſtretch Clothes, ſhall ſtrain or ſtretch any clothe
about

aboute a yarde in length, & halfe a quarter of a yarde in breadth. And that no persone or persones, shall from, or after the said feast, put to sale any clothe whiche, whē it shalbe wet, shal shrinke more then one yarde in all the length, and halfe a quarter of a Yarde in the breadth: and likewise Narrowes, Straites, and Kerlies, after that rate, nor shall put to sale any clothe, Narrowe Strait, or Kerlie by retails, the peeces whereof being wet, shall shrinke more then after the same rate; in the whole pece.

And further, that no person or persones, occupieng the feacte of Dying, shall from, and after the said feast, Die, or alter, or cause to be Died or altered any wolle clothe or clothes, as broune Blewes, Deukes. Tannies, Violettes, Hattes or cappes, except the same wollen clothes, Hattes and Cappes, be perfectly boyled, grained, or Madded vpon the woad, and shotte with good and sufficient Lorke, or Dyehall after a due, substantiall and sufficient
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meane of workmanship, accordyng to the auncient woorkmanship in tyme past vsed, nor that any persone, shall dye any wolle, to bee conuerted into Clothe, called Russettes, Musters, Marbles, Grapes, Ropes, and suche like colours, onlesse thesame wolle be perfectly woaded, boyled and Maddered, accordyng to the true and auncient vsage, nor shall Dye with Wasell, or any other false colour, in cloth or woll nor that any persone shall occupie, in, to, or with any wollen cloth or clothes Hat or Cap, or any other thynge, in colouring of scarlet, then grain or powder

And that no persone or persones, shall put any flockes, vpon any cloth, nor vpon any white clothe or Kersey, any Chalke, floure, or Starche.

And that no persone, shall after the saied feast, occupie any Iron Cardes, or Dicards, in Rowping of any maner of wollen clothe, nor that any persone shall sel any clothe, by any other measure, more or lesse, then after the true content thereof, to be moten and measured

lured by the Parde, addyng to euery
pard one ynche of the Rule, accordyng
to the Statute made in the first yere of
the reigne of his highnes saied father,
and that after the feast of Penthecost,
nerte comyng, no persone shall kepe
any Presse in his house, to the intent,
to presse any clothe therewith, or shall
presse any clothe.

And for the better execucion of this
Proclamacion, his maiestie by the ad-
uise aforesaid, willeth and commaun-
deth, all and singuler Justices of the
Peace, Maiors, Shiriefes, Bailifes,
and others, gouernours of Cities, Bo-
rowes and Townes, where any clothe
is made or sold, that thei shall visite e-
uery Clothiers, Drapers, Clothwo-
rkers and diers house, once euery quar-
ter of a yere at the least, and vieu the
Clothes by hym made and died, or re-
mainyng to be sold, to knowe whether
thei bee truely made and Died, accor-
dyng to this proclamaciō: and to cause
them, or as many of them, as thei shall
thinke conuenient, to be put in water,
and

and so to bee measured, to se whether
 thei bee drawen or strained, otherwise
 then is before mencioned in thesaied
 Proclamacion. And that the Aldermen
 of the Stilliarde in London, for the
 tyme beyng, shall once every quarter,
 enter into all and every the packhou-
 ses of thesame Stilliard belongynge,
 and shall proue in the water, as many
 clothes or Kerseis as he shall suspect,
 whether thei be drawen or strained, o-
 therwise then is mencioned in this
 Proclamacion. And that the Wardens
 of the Clotheworkers in London, shal
 once every quarter at the least, search
 the house of every persone, occupieng
 the mistery of Clothworkers, or occu-
 pieng pressing of Clothes, within the
 same citie, or within three miles com-
 passe thereof, for thesaied Dressed, Tro
 Cardes or Picardes.

And further, his maiestie by the ad-
 uise aforesaid, straightly chargeth and
 commaundeth, all and singuler perso-
 nes, to whom his highnes hath com-
 mitted, the charge and trust, to se this
 Proclamacion

Proclamation truly executed, as thei
 tender his Maiesties fauor, to be dili-
 gent in the execution of thesame Pro-
 clamacion, and that if thei or any of
 theim, shall finde any Clothes, to bee
 falsly coloured, or vpon the wettyng of
 them in the water, to haue been drawe
 or strained, otherwise then before, by
 this Proclamacion is prescribed, or a-
 ny wolle or Clothe, falsly died, or any
 flockes, Brasell, Chalke, flower, or
 Starche, to be put vpon any Cloth or
 Iron Cardes, or Dicardes, or any o-
 ther misdemeanoꝝ, by this Proclama-
 cion prohibited, that thei vpon pain of
 his graces displeasure, shall present
 the names of all suche offenders, with
 their misdemeanoꝝ, to thesaied Lorde
 Protectour, and the rest of the priuey
 counsaill, that thesame offenders may
 receiue condigne punishment, for such
 their falshod and deceipt, accordyng to
 their demerites.

The xxij. daie of Aprill.

A Proclamacion, for cole sellers.

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FORsomuche, as some leude persones nowe of late, notwithstanding diuerse lawes, statutes and proclamaciōs, heretofore made to the contrary, hath not ceased to spread abroad and tell vain and false tales, as well of the kynges Maiesties awne persone, the lorde Protector, and the rest of his highnes Counsaill, as of his highnes fortresses, capitaines and souldiours, in the North parties, and beyonde the seas, and of his Maiesties other affaires, feynynge falsly great ouerthrowes losses and daungers, to the flaundre of the kynges highnes, empairynge of his Maiesties seruice, and discouragynge of the Kynges Subiectes: Besides that, thereby thei haue geuen to straungers occasion to write into distaunt Countries, suche tales for newes, to the great dishonor of his highnes, the same beyng moſte false and vnttrue. Therefore, his Maiestie cōpelled by the manifold inconueniencies, whiche might ensue

ensue therof, if order, stay, and redresse
were not foreseen & prouided, for suche
malicious, vaine and sedicious speeche tel-
lers, and sowers abroad of false and li-
ping rumours, considering, that all o-
ther punishment heretofore appoyne-
ted, wil not suffice for the redresse, and
amendment hereof, by the aduise and
consent of his moste entirely beloued
vnckle, the lord Protector, and the rest
of his highnes Counsaill, willetch and
straightly commaundeth, all Iustices
of Peace, all Maiors, Bailifes, Sher-
riefes, Constables, Tyndborowes, and
all other his highnes officers and mi-
nisters, whosoever thei be, to do their
best indeuour, and put in effecte, by all
possible meanes thei can, to apprehend
all suche sowers and tellers abroad, of
vaine and forged tales and lies, of his
highnes, the lord Protector, his Ma-
iesties counsaill or affaires, and to co-
mit them to ward, untill suche tyme,
as thei bring furth the aucthor, or first
teller of suche vaine tale or lie, or if thei
can bring furthe none, then to kepe
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such teller, as thaucthor or first maker of suche lies, in straight prison, & certify therof the Lorde Protector, and the Kynges Maiesties counsaill. And his maiesties pleasure, by the aduise aforesaid, is, that euery suche aucthour, or maker of such false tale or newes, shal bee comitted into the Galley, there to rowe in cheines, as a slaue or forsaire, during the kynges maiesties pleasure to the example and terror of all other.

And furthermore, his highnes will and pleasure, by thaduise aforesaid is, that this present proclamaciō, be with all diligēce and seueritie, put in execution and vze, as his saied highnes officers, will aunswere to the contrary at their perill.

The xxij. daie of August

A Proclamacion concerning Wolles.



IN asmuche, as vpon the pitifull complaint, made vnto the kynges maiestie, by his louing subiectes the clothiers of this his Realme, it appereth

appereth, that through the greedines of
some persones, who perceiuing, that
Wolles is so necessary for the keepng
of the multitude of his highnes subie:
ctes from idlenes, that it cannot bee
lacked, colourably made and named
themselves factors, for Marchauntes
of the staple, and so haue of late daies,
used to buy and sell Wolles, for their
singuler profite, not onely the price of
thesame Wolles is so aduanced, that
within short tyme, if it be not forseen,
a greate number of his subiectes, shal
bee destitute of liuing, and driuen to
suche misery, as is not tollerable in a
ny good common wealth, but also that
the Clothiers, cannot make Clothes,
of the iust bredth, length, content and
goodnes, that is prescribed by the la:
wes and statutes of this his Realme,
wherby, greate infamy hath in forrain
nacions, growen to this Realme, and
thesaied Clothes in some places haue
been burnt, to the greate losse of the
Marchauntes, and in some places haue
been banished, and forboden to bee
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brought thether: his highnes confide:
 ryng the daungiers, that maie thereby
 ensue to this his realme, and myndyng
 the preuencion thereof, nothyng doub:
 tyng, but suche as be his louyng, faith
 full, and obedient subiectes, will wil:
 lyngly do for the loue of the countrey,
 that those that be euill, must be forced
 to do for feare, by thaduiſe of his moſte
 entierly beloued vncle, Edward duke
 of Somerset, Gouvernoꝝ of his roiall
 persone, and Protector of all his real:
 mes, dominions and subiectes, and the
 rest of his Maiesties priuie counsaill,
 straightly willeth, chargeth and com:
 maundeth, that from, and after the first
 daie of June next comyng, no person
 vpon pain of his maiesties displeasure
 and greuous imprisonment of his bo:
 dy, other then suche persons, and their
 household seruautes, as shall conuert
 thesame, onely into Parne, Clothe,
 Hattes, Lappes, Girdelles, worsted
 Stamin, Saie, Arras, Tapeſtrie, or a:
 ny other kinde of thyng, to be wrought
 within this realme, and Marchantes
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of the Staple, and their household seruauntes, for the onely prouision of the said Staple, and for to be shipped, onely to the said Staple, shall by hym or her self, or by any other, buye or bargain, or take promise of bargain, of any Wolles, beying now in home, of the growping of the Shires, or Counties of this realme, or of Wales, or any of them. Also, his highnes by the aduise aforesaid, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, that no persone, from, and after the said first daie of June, shall buye or bargain, for any Parne, other then suche, or his or their household seruauntes, as shall conuert the same into Clothes, Mattes, Tappes, Girzelles, Worstedes, Saies, Stamin, Arras, Tappistrie, or other thynges, to bee bought within this realme, vpon pain of his graces displeasure, and imprisonment of his body.

And for the better execucion hereof his highnes by the aduise aforesaid, straightly chargeth and commaundeth all and singuler Iustices of Peace, f.iiij. Maiors

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Maiores, Sherifes, and Bailifes, not onely to se this Proclamacion truely executed, but also if any person, be iustly accused before hym or them, for contempnyng, or breakyng this Proclamacion, or any parte thereof, thei shall commit suche persone to Warde, there to remain without bayle or mainprise, till the kynges maiesties, and his saied Counsailes pleasure shalbee further known.

The .xxij. daie of Maie.
A Proclamacion for the ad-
nichilatynge of Testons.



Where as the Kynges Maiestie, by thadvice of his mooste dere vncle the lorde Protector, & the rest of his highnes Counsaill, for diuerse greate and vrgent consideracions, had commaunded that all maner of persones, should bypnyng all copie, commonly called Testons, copned with the face and Stampe, of his highnes mooste dere father, the late kyng Henry the eight, before the feast of Christmas last past, into

into the Toure of Lōdon, or other his
Maiesties Mintes, to the intent the
same might be exchaūged into shillinges,
Grotes, or other kynd of moneis:
it hath so chaūsed that by reason, as
well of the multitude of that copie,
heretofore made in the tyme of thesaid
late kyng, his maiesties father, as also
by the great quantite and foison of the
same copie, cōterfaicted and brought
into this realme, beynge currant here,
all thesaid Testons hath not be chaū
ged. And therupon his highnes, by the
aduisse aforesaid, was pleased that the
said Proclamacion, should bee enlar
ged vnto a lenger day, and so hath per
mitted and suffered thesaid copie of
Testons, to bee currant emonges his
subiectes, vntill the first of Maie last
past, vpon trust that in that space, vpo
the consideracions in thesaid Procla
macion expresse, euery manne for his
part helpynge that waies, all maner of
thesaid Testons, of the stampe of the
said late Kyng of famous memorie,
should haue ben brought into the min
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tes & erchaunges. In the whiche space
yet many abusyng his highnes clemen-
cy, hath kept their testons still in their
hādes, or otherwise vttered them, and
fewer sithens that tyme, till nowe of
late haue been brought into his high-
nes Mintes. The whiche Testons, if
thei should nowe remain onely mere
bullion, should be great losse and hin-
derance to his Maiesties subiectes:
and if thesame staie or Proclamacion,
should in any wise be released, it shuld
be greatest losse and hynderaunce to the
realme, and a present occasion of con-
tinuall byrugyng in more counterfeit
Testons: therefore the kynges Maie-
tie, by the aduise of the lorde Protec-
tour, and the rest of his highnes coun-
saill, straightly chargeth and commaū-
deth, thesaied proclamacion of disanul-
lyng, and cryng doune of thesaid Tes-
tons, to bee kepte emonges all his loy-
alyng subiectes, so that thesame be ne-
uer herafter taken, for currant or law-
full money, but may lawfully be refus-
ed, of any maner of persone: And yet
neuertheles,

neverthelesse, of his mooste Princely
 clemencie and liberalitie, his highnes
 by thadvise aforesaid, is content that
 al suche somes of money, as shalbe due
 to his Maiestie, aswell for the Relief,
 graunted in the last Sessions of the
 Parliament, as for all other Rentes
 and debtes, maie be paied in good and
 lawfull Testons, of the stamp & copie
 of his maiesties father, at any time be-
 fore the first of June nexte folowynge,
 and so receiued of his highnes Threas-
 surers, until thesaid first of June next
 folowynge onely, after the rate and va-
 lue of. xij. s. every Teston. After whi-
 che tyme, his highnes pleasure is, that
 in no wise thesaid testons be any more
 receiued, of any his highnes officers
 of receipte, of, or for that price. Never-
 theles, for the space and tyme of twoo
 Monethes after, that is to saie, vnto
 the ende and last daie of July next fo-
 lowynge, his highnes is content, that
 all good and lawfull Testons, at his
 maiesties Mintes, shalbe receiued for
 bullion, after the rate of. xij. s. the pece
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of any persone, who shall bring them
thether. And further, that it shalbe le:
full to any man, to buye any good and
lawfull Testons, of the said coyne and
stampe, of the late kyng, and made in a:
ny of the Mintes, within this realme
of Englande, to that intent to bring
them to the Mintes, of any person not
disposed to bring them himself: so that
he do buye them for no lesse price, then
after. xi. d. ob. the peece, and not vnder,
vpon pain that whosoever, for his avarice
greedines and lucre, shal buy any suche
Testons, for lesse value then after. xi. d.
ob. the peece, to the damage of the poore
men, who would sell the same, shal for
saict therefore the Testons so bought,
and tenne tymes the value of them,
whereof one moitie to the kynges ma:
iestie, the other to the remaunder of the
said forfait, by bill, accion of debt, or
informaciō, in any of the kynges maie:
sties Courtes of Record, where no es:
coyne, Proteccion nor Wager of lawe,
shal serue or be allowed. And his high:
nes further is content, that all his of:
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ficers and Ministers, maie receiue all
suche good and lawfull Testons, and
so repaie them again vnto his highnes
after thesaied price of. xi. s. ob. the pece
durpng onely thesaied Monethes of
June and July. In the whiche tyme,
for that price of. xi. s. ob. the pece, thei
shall refuse no lawfull and good Tes-
tons, of any his highnes subiectes. Af-
ter the whiche last daie of the monethe
of July nexte folowpng, his highnes
expresse Will and pleasure, by thaduise
aforlaide, is, that the copie called Tes-
tons, of his highnes father, kyng Ric-
rd the eightes Stampe, shall neither be
receiued of his highnes officers, ne of
none others, nor yet at the Mintes or
erchaunge, as copie or money of any
valuacio, but after suche sort as plate
or any other straunge bullion is, or then
shalbe, that is to saie, accordpng to the
rate of the Standard, and the quantitie
of fine siluer in theim contained, and
none otherwise.

The. xij. daie of June.

A Proclamacion pardayng certain
sedicious persones.

Where



There as of late, the
 Kynge's maiestie mo-
 ued of a Godly zeale,
 and loue to the commo
 wealth of the realme,
 by the aduise of his de-
 rest vncle, Edward duke of Somerset
 Gouvernor of his highnes persone, and
 Protector of all his Realmes, Domi-
 nions and subiectes, and the rest of his
 maiesties priue counsaill, did by Pro-
 clamacion, will and commaunde, al ma-
 ner of persones, who had offended a-
 gainst the good and wholesome lawes
 heretofore prouided, against the decaie
 of houses, and vnlawfull enclosures,
 to amende their suche offences, and to
 redresse all faultes by theim commit-
 ted, against the said actes and statutes,
 and against the benefite of the commo
 wealth, vpon pain to encurre the dan-
 gers and paynes, in the said actes and
 statutes prouided: And for the better
 performauce thereof, by the aduise as
 foresaid, willed and commaunded, all
 his highnes officers and Ministers, to
 whom

Whom it did appertain, to see the same
redressed, to receiue informacions,
make inquirie, and with all speede and
earnest endeuor, se to the redresse and
punishment of all suche offenders, as
by the lawes & statutes of the realme,
thei might and ought to do. Vpō this
moste Godly warning, admonishemēt
and Proclamaciō, whiche was to kepe
order and lawes, his highnes is aduer-
tised, that a greate number of rude and
ignoraunt people, in certain Shires of
Englande, hath taken occasion, or at
the least pretended to take occasion, of
dooping greate and moste perilous and
heinous disorder, and contrary to all
good lawes and statutes, and the order
of this Realme, haue rioteously with
Routes and compaignies, with force,
strength and violence, of their owne
hedde and aucthoritie, assembled them-
selves, plucked doune meunes hedges
disparked their parkes, and beyng led
by furious and light guppes of vprore,
taken vpon them the direccion of thinges,
the kynges royall power & sword
and

and committed suche enormitie and offence, as thei haue iustly therefore, merited the losse of life, landes & gooddes, and to bee made example to all other: But for so muche, as thei haue humbly submittted thei[n]self, and demanded pardon, beyng sorre for their former offences: the kynges highnes, of a mooste high clemencie, and tender loue to his subiectes, is content not to loke vpon his Justice herein to be executed, but muche more of natural mercie and clemencie, toward his saied louyng Subiectes, and so for this tyme, acceptyng that this outrage, was doeu rather of folly, and of mistakynge the saied Proclamacion, and at the instigacio[n] and mocion, of certain leude and sedicious persons, then of malice or any euill will, that his Subiectes did beare, either to his highnes, or to the quiet of this realme, of his Maestties mooste aboundaunt clemencie, & tender pitie towardes his subiectes, by the aduise of the said lorde Protector, and the rest of his highnes priuie counsaill

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is contented and pleased, to remit and pardon, all thesaied outragies, misbehauours, riottes and conspiracies, to all and singuler his Subiectes, other then to suche, as be already apprehended and in prisō, as heddes and stirrers of thesaied outrage and riottes, and therefore, willeth and commaundeth, al Iustices of peace, Mayors, Shirifes, bailifes, and al other his highnes officers and ministers, not to enterrupt, bere o: trouble, for, and in his Maiesties behalfe, any maner persone, other then is specified before, of, or for any offence, iniury, contempt o: conspiracy doen at thesaied stirre o: riottes, lately made, aboute the breakyng of enclosures, so that thei do not attempt o: go aboute, any suche thynge hereafter: but if so be there be any iust cause, to complain for default of Justice, o: lacke of redresse in any suche inclosure o: default, made against thesaied Actes and Statutes, before specified in this case provided, thei, who finde themselves iustly greued o: iniuried, maie geue information,

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formation, make sute or complaint to the kynges maiestie, or other his highnes officers, deputed to the redresse of all suche offences, accordyng to the lawes of the realme, and the good & lawfull order of the same: But if any man, shall at any tyme hereafter, attempt to make or go aboute to make, any suche riot or unlawfull assēbly, for any suche cause before rehearsed, his Maiesties will and pleasure is, by the aduise aforesaid, that all suche offenders shall immediatly be apprehēded, by the next Justice or Justices of Peace, and lose the benefit of this moste gracious pardon, and suffre suche paines of death, losse of landes, goods and cattalles, as by the Lawes of the Realme, in suche case is prouided, any thynge in this present Proclamacion heretofore mencionned, notwithstanding.

The second daie of July.

A Proclamacion, for the better of Riualles.

The kynges Maiestie, haupng the principall and continuall charge of the commō welth & tranquillitie of this realme, for the
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the whiche cause, almightie God hath
geuen to his maiestie power to rule, &
to all his people hath eniopned, lowly-
nes to obeie, certainly vnderstandeth,
by thinformacion & good aduise, of his
moste dere vncle Edward duke of So-
merset, Gouvernor of his moste royall
persone, and Protector of his realmes
Dominions and subiectes, and others
of his priue counsaill: that of late time
the prices of all maner victuall, neces-
sary for mānes sustenaūce, be so heigh-
tened and raised, aboue the accusto-
med and reasonable values, that ther-
by (except speedy remedy bee provided)
very greate losse and damage, muste
nedes chaunce to his maiesties longug
subiectes, and therefore, bothe of wise-
dome, wherewith his maiestie vseth to
consider the state of his commō welth,
and of pitie, whiche at all tymes, his
maiestie conceiueth vpon the lacke and
greues of his people, hath by long & de-
liberat study, of his said dere vncle, the
lorde Protector, and the rest of his pri-
uey counsaill, concluded and finally re-
solved,

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solued, to prouide remedy herein, the
 whiche (restyng vpon the former re-
 dresse of sondery disorders, in the whole
 common welth) although it cannot be so
 absolutly & spedely had as his maiesties
 moste hartie desire is, yet it is thought
 by his Maiestie, for the present disor-
 ders, a greate relief to put in due exe-
 cucion, diuerse good lawes and statu-
 tes, prouided heretofore, by aucthoritie
 of Parliament, in the reignes of the
 kynges maiesties moste noble progeni-
 tors, and especially twoo pollitique
 good estatutes, made at Westminster
 in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of his ma-
 iesties moste dere father late deceased,
 kyng Henry the eight, ordeined, as by
 the same appereth, very pollitiquely,
 for the redresse of these like disorders of
 prices, whiche at any time thence after
 might happen: the effect of whiche later
 statute is, that the lorde Threasorer,
 the Lorde Chauncello: of Englande,
 the Lorde President of the Kynges
 moste honorable Counsaill, the Lorde
 Priuey Seale, the Lorde Stewarde,
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the Lorde Chamberlain, and all other Lordes of the Kynge's Counsaill, the Threasorer and Comptroller of the Kynge's mooste honorable house, the Chauncelloz of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Justices of either Bench, the Chauncelloz, Chamberlain, vnder threasorer, and the Barons of the Kynge's Eschequer, or seuen of them at the lest whereof the lorde Threasorer, the lorde Chauncelloz, the lorde President of the kynge's counsaill, or the lorde Priuey Seale to bee one, should haue power and auctoritie, from tyme to tyme (as the case should require) to set and tare reasonable prices of all kyndes of victualles, mencioned in the said act, how thei should bee solde in grosse or by retaille, for relief of the kynge's subiectes and that after suche prices, set and tared in forme aforesaid, Proclamacion should be made in the Kynge's name, vnder the greatescale, of the said prices in suche parties of this realme, as should be conuenient for the same.

And it was further enacted, by the
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said estatute, that all fermors, owners
broggers & all other victualers what-
soever, haupng and keppng any of the
kyns of victuall, mencióned in the said
acte, to thintent to sell, should sell the
same to suche, the kynges subiectes, as
would buy thē, at such prices as shuld
be set and tared by the said Proclama-
cion, vpon the paines to be expessed &
limited, in the said proclamation, to be
lost, forfeited, and leuied to the Kyn-
ges vse, in suche wise, as by the said
Proclamacion should bee declared.

And it was further prouided, by the
said act, that the same act or any thng
therein contened, should not be hurt-
full to Maiors, Shirifes, Bailifes, &
other officers of Cities, Borowghes,
and Tounes corporate, nor to any per-
sone or persones, or bodies polittique,
haupng aucthoritie, to sette prices of
suche victualles, or of any of them, but
that thei and euery of theim, might set
prices therof, as if the same act had ne-
uer been had nor made, as by the same
acte, emonges other thnges, more at
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large it doth and make appere. And forasmuche, as complaint hath been made of the inhaunsing of prices of the same victuals, without grounde or cause reasonable, in all partes of this realme: in consideration wherof, the lord Treasorer, the lord Chauncelloz of Englaunde and al others requisite by the said statute, haue by authoritie of the same act, set and taxed reasonable prices, of all kynd of victuals, mentioned in the same act, to be sold in forme folowing, to thintēt the same should be proclaimed, accordyng to the same act, that is to say that frō the daie of this Proclamacion made without delape, all and singuler persone & persones, haupng or keepng any of the kyndes of victualles, mentioned in the said Acte, within this Realme, to the intent to sell, shall sell the same to suche of the kynges subiectes, as will buye theim at the prices hereafter mencioned, that is to saie, from Midsummer to Whallowmas, euerý Dre, beyng primed and well stricken, of the largest bone. xxxviij. s. of a g. iiij. meaner

meaner sorte. xxviij. s. an Dre fat, and
 of the largest bone. xlv. s. of the meaner
 sorte, beeing fat. xxxviij. s. Steres and
 Kuntres, beeing pruned or wel stricken
 and large of bone. xx. s. of a meaner sort
 xvi. s. beeing fat and of the largest bone
 xxv. s. beeing fat of a meaner sort. xxi. s.
 Heifurthes and Kine, beeing pruned
 or wel stricken, and large of bone. xvi. s.
 of a meaner sort. xij. s. iiij. d. beeing fat
 and large of bone. xxij. s. beeing fat and
 of a meaner sorte. xviij. s. And froe Val-
 lowmas to Christmas, euery Dre be-
 yng fat and large of bone. xlvi. s. viij. d.
 beeing fat of a meaner sort. xxxix. s. viij.
 d. Steres and Kuntres within the same
 tyme, beeing fat and large of bone. xx.
 vi. s. viij. d. beeing fat of a meaner sorte
 xxij. s. viij. d. heifurthes and kine with
 in the same tyme, beeing fat and large
 of bohe. xxij. s. of a meaner sorte. xix. s.
 And from Christmas to Shroftide, e-
 uery Dre beeing fat and large of bone
 xlviij. s. iiij. d. of a meaner sorte. xli. s.
 iiij. d. Steres and Kuntres, within the
 same tyme, beeing fat and large of bone
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xxvij. s. iiij. d. of a meaner sort. xxvij. s.
 iiij. d. And from Sheryng time to Mi-
 chaelmas, every Wether beynge a there
 Shepe, beynge leane and large of bone
 ij. s. of a meaner sorte. ij. s. iiij. d. beynge
 fat and large of bone. iiij. s. beynge fat of
 a meaner sort. iiij. s. And within the
 same tyme, beynge leane and large of
 bone. ij. s. beynge leane of a meane sorte
 xx. d. beynge fat and large of bone. ij. s.
 viij. d. beynge fat of a meaner sorte. ij. s.
 And from Michaelmas to Shroffide,
 every Wether beynge a there Shepe,
 beynge leane and large of bone. ij. s. be-
 yng leane of a meaner sorte. ij. s. iiij. d.
 beynge fat and large of bone. iiij. s. iiij. d.
 beynge fatt and of a meaner sorte. ij. s.
 iiij. d. And from Midsomer to Micha-
 elmas the pounde of Wete Butter at
 from Michaelmas to Newe pe-
 res croppe the pounde. Suffolke
 Butter and the parties of Norfolke,
 borderynge vpon Suffolke, from Mid-
 somer to Michaelmas the pounde
 from Michaelmas to the newe peres
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other partes, from Midlomer to Michaelmas the pounde. From Michaelmas to the new peres croppe the pounde. Suffolke These and the partes of Norfolke, bordering vpon Suffolke, from Midlomer to Michaelmas the pound. From Michaelmas to the newe peres croppe the pounde, vpon pain of forfaiture for euery Dre, Stere, Towe, Peckfor and Bullocke, that should be sold, by vertue of thesaied acte and this Proclamation, and shall not so bee solde five poundes, & for euery shepe that should be sold, by vertue of thesame acte and this Proclamation, and shall not so be sold, .x. s. And for euery pounde of butter and chese. xij. d. and that for all & euery some that shalbe forfaited, by vertue of thesame acte and this Proclamation, the kyng our soueraigne lord shall and maie haue his recouery and remedies, by informacion, bill, plaint, or accion of debt, in any of his highnes courtes of record: Wherefore, we considering the premises, to be for the welth
and

and commoditie of this our Realme,
will and commaunde you, our Shiref
of our Countie of Within two
daies next after the receipt of this said
Proclamacion, that ye with all speede,
shall Proclaime the p^remisses, in all
Market townes within thesaid coun-
tie of and that all maner our
subiectes, shall obey thesame, not one-
ly vpon the paines abovesaid, but al-
so to incurre our indignacion and dis-
pleasure.

And furthermore, the kynges Ma-
testie, of his aucthoritie and power roq
all, straightly chargeth and commaun-
deth, all maner his Justices of Peace,
Sherifes, Maiors, and Bailifes of a-
ny townes corporate, or any other mi-
nisters, to be assigned & appoynted by
any twoo Justices of Peace of thesaid
Countie, if any the Market or Mar-
kettes, within thesaid Countie, shall
lacke wherewithall to furnishe the
markettes, for the relief of his loupng
subiectes, that then thei shall forsee &
prouide, that the Owners, Grasiers,
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Drouers, ffermors, Broggers, or any other of any kynde of estate or degree whatsoeuer, nere adioynung, haupng suche store of any kynd of the aforesaid victuall, that he maie spare part of his saied store, bee it leane or fat (ouer and besides the store necessary, for the main tennance of his household, the allowāce whereof must be made, in respect of his accustomed expences, and the tyme of another vsuall prouision) towarde the furniture of the Market, shall by the appoyntement, and order of thesaied Iustices, and other officers aboue named, bryng to the Market and Markettes, suche number and quantitie of thesaied victualles, and at suche tyme and times, as thei shal thinke the cause and necessitie requireth, and thesame shall sell there, accordyng to the prices by thesaied Iustices to be rated, as for an example, where the Markettes can not be serued, with sufficiēt quantitie of Mutton, so that in default thereof, the people happe to haue ouer muche lacke, then in that and like cases, the
Kynge

Kynge's maiesties Will and commaundement is, that thesaied Justices of euery countie, and officers aboue named vpon the certain knowlege of that lacke shall compell all and euery suche person and persones, as shall haue, nigh to thesaied Market townes, the number of .v. C. there shepe, for euery hundredeth of thesame five hundred & aboue, to send to the market so lacking, at the moste ten of the best and fattest shepe of that sorte, to bee solde from tyme to tyme, and at the prices to bee rated by thesaied Justices and other officers, and if lesse lacke, then lesse in number, vpon like pain aforesaid, for euery shepe not so brought to the Market.

Furthermore, because the prices of the beiffes and muttons hereto adioyned, bee but the prices of Beues and Muttons a liue, and sold in grosse and not by retaile, as the Butcher vseth to do, his Maiestie, notwithstanding the tenor of this Proclamation, licenseth the Butcher in suche cases, wher he shall buy of those prices, so to sel aboue

done the said price as it shalbethought
and ordered by the said Justices, and
officers aboue named, accordyng to the
Lawes and Estatutes of the Realme,
mete for a conuenient gain toward his
liuyng, and so in all cases the same to
bee obserued vpon paines expessed in
sonderp estatutes for the same.

Prouiued, that notwithstanding any
article or clause aboue mencioned, e-
uery Boucher beeyng no Grasier, ha-
uyng bought and in his possession, any
maner cattall, aboue the prices herein
contained, before the tyme of this pro-
clamacion, shall haue license and full
libertie, to make sale of any suche cat-
tell so bought of the prices, accordyng
to the rate and proporcion, of the same
price he paid, or then became debtour
for, without any couin, by the space of
eight daies, after the Proclamacion
shalbe Proclaimed, in the next Mar-
ket toun to his dwelling place, or to
the place where he shall that sell, and
after those eight daies, then to remain
subiect to the whole tenor of the Pro-
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clamacion. And herein the kynges maiestie, to whom onely vnder God, apperteineth auengement, punishment, and redresse of his peoples offences, whatsoeuer thesame be, moſte ſtraightly chargeth, and vpon the pain of his highnes extreme indignaciō, commaūdet̄h all maner of people, to ſeke the redresse and amendement of any maner offence, againſt the tenor of this Proclamacion, or any other estatute or lawes, onely by order of his maiesties lawes without force, riot, manasse, vnlawfull assemblies, or any other diſturbance of peace: and on the contrary, if any ſubiect, of what degree or estate ſoeuer he be, ſhall contrariwiſe, and vnlawfully, that is to ſaie, otherwaies then by complaint or order of law, ſeke beginne, or enterpriſe to redreſſe his awne cauſe, or the cauſe of any other, be theſame neuer ſo iuſt: then his maiestie aſſerteineth and letteth theſame to knowe, that without any maner fauor, or grace to bee hoped vpon, he and euery of them, ſo offendyng, ſhal ſurely

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ly feele, by extreme punishment, the
kinges highnes vtter indignacion, and
in suche case no extremitie to bee spar-
red, but to bee taken and accepted, not
onely as vnkynde, vnnaturall, vnlo-
uing and disobedient Subiectes, but
also as high traitors and rebelloys, a-
gainst the kynges maiesties awne roy:
all persone, his crowne, state & dignitie

The. viij. daie of July.

A Proclamation, for tale tellers.

 The kynges moste excellēt
Maiestie, hath certayne
knowledge geuen, aswel to
his awne Maiestie, as to
his moste dere vncle, Ed-
ward Duke of Somerset, gouernor of
his persone, and Protectour of all his
realmes, dominions and subiectes, and
to the rest of his highnes counsaill, that
in diuerse his Maiesties Counties, of
this his realme, there be dispersed and
seuered abroad, sundery light, leude,
idle, sedicious, busie, and disordered
persones, whereof the moste part haue
neither place to inhabite in, neither see-
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keeth any state to liue by, but haupng
been either condemned of felonies, &
prison breakers, runne frō the warres
and sea rouers, departed from the kyn:
ges guarrisons, and lopterers, where:
by thei become desperate persons, and
now enploye and labor themselves, rū:
nyng and postyng from place to place,
Countie to Countie, Toun to toun
by daie to daie, to stirre vp rumours,
raise vp tales, imagin newes, wherby,
thei seke to stirre, gather together and
assemble, the kynges true subiectes, of
simplicitie and ignoraunce deceiued, &
by that pretence, suche leude ruffians,
tale tellers, and burly vacabondes,
become tyngheders and masters of the
kynges people, sekynng to spople, robbe
and rauin, where, and whom thei list
or maie, and so to liue, ware riche, and
feede of other mennes labours, money
and foode, thei themselves nother wil:
lynng to serue wher thei might, neither
abidyng when thei bee well entertay:
ned: and beyng thus in seuerall places
of this his Realme, at the last not able
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long to continue together with their
assembles, accordyng to their mische-
uous purposes, thesame assembles be-
yng in substance, of suche the kynges
poore Subiectes, as though by igno-
raunce and enticementes, of those for-
saied tale tellers thei offende, yet shor-
tly by the goodnes of god, acknowlege
their faultes, and retorne themselves
to their dueties, moste sorowfully re-
pent, receiuyng for thesame, the Kynges
maiesties great mercie, by his par-
don, and by the reason of the quiet or-
der, the fallynge, cessyng and appesnyng
of suche assembles, thesaied runnaga-
tes, tale tellers, and sedicious perso-
nes, faile and lacke their purposes, and
mischeuous intetes, so that thei accu-
stomyng their ciuill nature, and esca-
pyng fro the places of their first attē-
ptes, haue and do daily resort to newe
places, and so fro place to place, Shire
to Shire, neuer quietyng themself,
but deuysyng slaunderous tales, and
diuulgyng to the people suche kynd of
newes, as thei thinke maie moste redre-

ly, moue them to bprozes and tumultes, and for the further deceipte also, pretende to them, thei seke to redresse the common wealth, therefore his maiestie, by thaduise of his saied dere vncle, the lorde Protector, and the rest of his maiesties priue counsaill, to thaduopdng of the greate inconueniencies whiche, of the sufferaunce hercof daily doth ensue, and to admonithe his good Subiectes, whiche hether to haue not felte the perill of these popsoned ciuill people, moſte straightly chargeth and cōmaundeth, all maner & euerp his Iustices, Shiriſſes, Costables, Bailiffes, Tredboroughes, and all other his maiesties ministers and officers whatsoeuer thei bee, to bee moſte diligent, and frō tyme to tyme, to be in their charge attēdant, and therin also to take some good especiall polittique order, for the apprehension and attachpng of all maner of suche persons, whatsoeuer thei be, whiche either as vacabundes, waifarpng men, stragglars, or otherwise, in what maner soeuer he bee, shall
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byng any tale to any place, or inuent
 or tell any newes, or conceale and kepe
 close, lenger then he maie conuenient,
 the bynger, inuentor, or teller, which
 tale or newes so brought, inuented or
 told, shall, doth, or maie cause, any un:
 lawfull assembly of the people, or any
 tumulte & uprore, or shall sound flaun:
 derous to the Kynge's Maiestie his
 croune, the lorde Protector, and other
 of his counsaill, or any otherwise shall
 moue the people, unlawfully to reme:
 dy or redresse their awne causes and
 grifes by force & without law, whiche
 office belongeth onely to the Kynge's
 maiestie, and to the Magistrates vnder
 hym, & therein daily, his Maiesties said
 dere vncle and counsaill, mooste studi:
 ously trauaileth. And thesame leude
 persone or persones so apprehended, to
 be brought vnto the kynge's Maiestie,
 or his said vncle and counsaill, or to a:
 ny one of thesaid counsaill, for euery the
 whiche so brought the kinges maiestie
 assureth his officer & minister, the byn:
 ger of him, not onely his costes & char:
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ges, fully to be paid: but also to haue his Maiesties moste hartie & effectual thanks. And if any other the Kynges maiesties louyng subiectes, shall at any tyme knowe certainly, any suche tale carier or rumour runner, newes spredder, or sedicion sower, and of hym so informe and geue knowlege, to any of the kynges maiesties officers or ministers, so that thesame ciuill persone, either might or is taken, and apprehended by thesame officer, and by force of thesaid informacion, then likewise the same informer, knowlege geuer, accuser, and vtterer, shall haue of the kynges maiesties reward, for euery suche malefactour by hym disclosed and apprehended, in maner as is abouesaid, twentie Crownes, besides like hartie thanks from his maiestie.

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A Proclamation, for the punishment of the rebellous of Deuonshire and Cornewall.



Where as diuerse ciuill disposed persones, are at this present, rebelliously & traitterously assembled, in sundre

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ry companies, within these, the kinges
 Maiesties Counties of Deuon, and
 Cornewall, shewyng themselves, not
 onely to contempne and disobeye his
 moste royall maiestie, his lawes, ordi-
 naunces, and moste godly procedynges
 but also to leuie warre againste his
 highnes, to the great displeasure of al-
 mightie God, his maiestie moste graci-
 ously waipng, and consideryng what
 appertaineth, to the good order & quiet
 reformation of his good and louyng
 subiectes, by thaduise of his moste en-
 tierly beloued vncle, the lorde Protec-
 tor, and the rest of his priuie counsaill,
 is pleased and contented, and by this
 present Proclamacion, willeth it to be
 notified and knowen, to all and singu-
 ler his louyng subiectes, that all and
 euery of his saied subiectes, whiche, at
 the time of the publishyng of this pre-
 sent proclamacion, do cōtinue in their
 vnlawfull, and disobedient assemblies,
 within thesaid Counties, and within
 daies, next after this Proclama-
 cion, shall not willyngly and obedient-
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ly submit, and yelde theimselfes, vnto
the right honorable lorde Russell, his
highnes Lieutenaunt in those partes,
shalbe demed, accepted & take. for rebel
les & traitors, against his highnes most
royall person, his Imperiall Crowne
and dignitie. For more terror and exā
ple, of whose punishment, and for the
good incouragynge and aduancynge, of
suche his true, loyng, and obedient
subiectes, as shall withdraw themself
es, from thesaid rebellious traitors,
and of suche others as shall aide and
assist his highnes said Lieutenaunt,
to suppress and subdue thesaid rebel
les and traitours. For so muche as the
forfaicure of all maner of goodes, cat
tals, offices, pencions, landes, tenemē
tes, farmes, copie holdes, and other he
reditamentes, of al and euery traitors
and traitor, within this his Maiesties
realme and dominions, onely and most
iustly apperteineth, and belongeth vn
to his Maiestie. The same is further
pleased and contented, that al & singu
ler, the forfaictures of al the gooddes,
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cattalles, offices, pencions, manours, landes, tenementes, farmes, copie holdes, and other hereditamentes, of the said rebelles and traitors, whiche shal perseuer and continue, in their rebellion and treason, shall growe, come, & bee vnto all and euery suche person and persones, as shall first haue, take, possede, and attain to thesaied goodes and cattalles, or shall firste entre into thesaied manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, and thesame shal haue, holde, possede, and enioye, to his and their awne proper vse, commoditie and behalfe, in as large and ample sort, as his highnes, by meanes & right of thesaid forfaiture, and confiscacion ought and may dispose of thesame, and shall haue thereof suche assuraunce, from his Maiestie by his Letters patentes, or otherwise, as thei or any of them, can or shall best imagin or deuise.

The. xij. daie of July.

A Proclamation, concerning the effecte of
the Kinges Maiesties Pardon
geuen to the
Rebelles.

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The Kinges Maiestie, by the
aduiſe of his entierly belo-
ued vncle, Edward Duke of
Somerset, Gouvernor of his
persone, and Protector of all his Ma-
iesties realmes, dominions, and subie-
ctes, and the rest of his priue counsaill
considereth, that as it is the fruite of
his mercie, to receiue his humble, re-
pentant, & sorrowfull subiectes, know-
leging their offices, to the benefite and
grace of his mercie, so also, is it the re-
putacion of his maiesties mercie, to de-
fende, and saue harmelesse, all suche
whiche submitteth themselves, to his
mercie, and to let them fele his protec-
cion, with their quiete, as thei haue
sought it, with their deuoute repen-
taunce, and so to saue his repentaunt
people with mercie, as his Maiestie
ought to punish, his obstinate subiec-
tes with Justice. In cōsideraciō wher-
of, his maiestie, by the aduiſe aforesaid,
willeth, admonisheth, and commaun-
deth, first, all maner of his subiectes,
whiche of late, by their humble sub-
mission,

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mission, and sorowfull repentaunce, of their offences committed, in sundery vnlawfull and riotous assēbles: that thei from hencefurth, be of suche good behauior, in the peace of God, and the kynges maiestie, and in all their actes and dedes, be so quiet, peaceable, & well ordered, that the kynges maiestie maie thinke his grace and pardon, bestowed vpon them with effecte. And likewise his maiestie willeth and straightly cōmaundeth, all maner his other subiectes, of what degree so euer he bee, hauing suffered any maner of grief, damage, or losse, by the acte of any of the abovesaid the kynges subiectes, whilist thei offended, and before thei receiued the pardon from his maiestie, that thei shall not by action, sute, violence or compulsion, force, punishe, aduenge or correcte, any maner of offence, trespassse, or vnlawfull acte, committed by thesaid offenders, and pardoned by the same acte, but shall suffre and permit them to enioye and take the benefite of the kynges maiesties pardon, with like
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intent and purpose, as the same hath
been ment and intended by the Kinges
Maiestie.

The .xvi. daie of July.

A Proclamation, for the execution
of a Raine Martiall.

AS muche, as the Kinges
Maiestie hath of late, for
the redresse of vnlawfull en-
closures, and suche like enor-
mities, directed his seuerall Commis-
sions, with large instruccions for the
same, into euery his countie, not ones-
ly authorising his Commissioners, to
redresse and reforme al maner of thyn-
ges, so farre furth as the lawes could
any wise be construed or expounded, but
also by speciall his Maiesties Letters
Missiue, hath charged the same Com-
missioners, vpon greate pain, in the
same letters contained, to redresse and
amende their awne proper faultes, whi-
che Commissions bee now part in ere-
cucion, and part ready to be erecuted,
and delayed onely, by the folly of the
people, sekynge their awne redresse vnlaw-
fully: So that no subiect, can any
more

more require of any prince, then by his
maiestie, his said vncle, & counsaill hath
been deuised, ordeined & commaunded. Yet
neuertheles, his maiestie vnderstandeth
that diuerse of his Subiectes, neither
cōsidring how thei be ordeined by God
to be subiectes and obey, nether regar-
ding their soueraigne lordes most ear-
nest good will and zeale, which he bea-
reth, and daily declareth to his cōmon
welth neither hauing in remēbraunce
what distruccion it is to themselves, to
trouble & disquiet the state of the com-
mon welth, therby impouering the
selues, weakening the realme, & breeding
sedicion & cōtinual cōtencion, betwixt
one subiect and another, do attēpt and
trauail, from tyme to tyme, & frō place
to place, to make assēbles, riottes, con-
uencions, stirres, & vprores, and by the
so vnlawfully made, presume to do and
attempt, that which ought onely to be
doen, by th aucthoritie of the kyng, and
his maiesties lawes, yea, & in many po-
intes, accordyng to the euil disposiciō
of their assemblers, attempt with vio-
lence

lece & fure, suche vnlawfull thynge,
as be extremely forbidden, by all iustice
and lawe, & to be abhorred of any good
Christian: ffor the whiche causes, his
Maiestie, neither of good Justice and
honour, neither for the estate and safe
garde, of his highnes Realme, will, or
maie endure his subiectes, so to offend
without present punishment and cor-
reccion: But as a Prince reighnyng by
almightie Goddes prouidence, mooste
mightie, and in Justice terrible, by the
adulce of his saied dere vncle, the lord
Protector, and the rest of his maiesties
pruie counsaill, straightly chargeth,
and with the threating of his sword
commaundeth all maner his subiectes,
of what degree, condicion, kynde or es-
tate, so euer he or thei be, to depart, re-
turne, and cesse furthewith, vpon this
Proclamacion Proclaimed, from all
maner their vnlawfull, assemblies, re-
ottes, and vproes, and quietly and in
peace, to take and receiue his maiesties
order and direccio, the redresse of their
wroges, whatsoeuer thei bee, and that
also

also no maner of Subiect, of what degree, condicion, kynde, or estate so euer he or thei bee, shall from hencefurthe, by Drumme, Tabret, Pipe, or any other instrument, strikynge or soundynge Bell or Belles ryngynge, open cryng, postynge, ridynge, rûnyng, or by any newes, rumors, and tales inuentynge, diuulgyng and spredynge, or by any other meanes, diuise, or tokens, whatsoeuer thesame shall happen to be, cal, gather assemble, congregat and muster, or attempt and practise to gather, assemble congregat and muster, any number of people whatsoeuer thei bee, either to plucke doune any Hedge, Pale, fence, Wall, or any maner of enclosure, or to hunte, waste, spoyle, desolate or deface any Parke, Chase, Warren, House, Lodge, Bondes, waters, or any other unlawfull acte, whiche is forbidden, or to redresse any thynge, whiche shal and maie be, by the force of the kynges maiesties Commission, reformed, redressed, and amended, vpon pain of death, presently to be suffered and executed,
by

by the aucthoritie and order of Lawe
Marciall, wherein no delay or differ-
ring of tyme, shalbe permitted or suf-
tered, as in other cases, beyng in deede
of lesse importaunce, it is accustomed:
and therefore, his maiestie most straigh-
tly chargeth and commaundeth, al ma-
ner his Sherifes, Iustices, ministers,
and officers, vpon the knowlege of a-
ny offendor, against the tenour of this
Proclamacion, furthwith with all ex-
pedition, & with suche power, as there
to shalbe requisite, to apprehende and
attache, thesame offendor, and hym to
commit, to a safe Gaole, and therev-
pon indelaied, to certifie the lorde pro-
tecto: , and the rest of the counsaill, or
any of them, to the intent moste speedy
order maie be geuen, for the execution
of the offendor, with suche hast and ex-
pedicion, as is aboue mencioned.

The xxij. daie of July.

A Proclamacion, for the office of Constables.



Where as emoges other aunc-
ient officers and ministers,
of old tyme established with
in this Realme, for the con-
seruacion

seruacion of peace and good order, the office of a Bailife, Constable, or Tredborough, within the limites of their charge and iurisdiccions, was mooste polittiquely ordeined, as well to be the state in euery citie, toun, or village of quiet and peace, accoꝝdng to the kynges maiesties lawes, as also to put in execucion, whatsoeuer by thesaied lawes, or by the higher ministers of the same, should bee appoynted and limited, contrary to whiche the purpose of the ereccio of thesaied offices, his highnes knoweth that in most places, wher of late this vnnaturall stirre and commocion, hath been emonges his Maiesties subiectes, the commons, either the Bailifes, cōstables or Tredboroughes, whose bounden duetic and office it had been, to haue most earnestly trauailed, and employed theselves for the pacifying and state of their neighbours, by shewyng them the daungers and perilous sequele, of suche heddy and disobedient attemptates, and apprehencio of the sowers and spreders of leude tales.

les, and rumours, stirryng them to rize
ote: Haue neuertheles, been the very
Kyngeleaders and procureres, by their
example and exhortacion, to the rest of
their neighbours, to leup themselves,
and haue themselves leuied then in his
maiesties name, abusyng the aucthoritie
of thesame, contrary to their ductie
of allegiaunce, to the greate displeasure
of God, and his Maiestie, the destruc-
cion of themselves, and the great dam-
mage and perill of the whole Realme.
To the ende therefore, that this so no-
table an allurement, and prouocacion
to disorder, maie from hencefurthe, by
terroure of punishment bee redressed:
the Kynge's Maiestie, with the aduise
and assent, of his dere and moste enti-
erly beloued vncle, the lord Protector,
and the rest of his highnes priue
Counsaill, chargeth and enioyneth, to
euery Bailife, Constable and Hedbo-
rough, now beynge, and that hereafter
shalbe, that thei forbear and abstain,
from the raisyng or assemblyng of any
of his highnes subiectes, for any act or
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purpose, other then suche, as by the lawes and statutes of this realme, is limited for them to execute and doo, as incident to their offices, and other then suche, as the Shierief of the Countie, where they are Bailief, Constable, or Sheriborough, or the Iustices or Justice of Peace, for the same Countie, or other his Maiesties higher ministers, hauing authoritie from his maiestie, shall in his highnes name directe and addresse them vnto, vpon pain that whatsoeuer Bailief, Constable, or Sheriborough, shall from hencefurthe offende against this Proclamacion, and shall by his example or inducement, allure others to be his folowers and accessaries, in any unlawfull assemble, for any sedicious proceedynges, tending to tumult and rebellion, or shall procure any harnais, weapons, or victualles, for them, shalbee demed, accepted and taken as a Traitor, and suffre losse of life, landes and goodes for euer, with like penalties, as to cases of treason is reserved.

The

The. vi. daie of August.
A Proclamation, for the in-
hibition of Plaies.

AS muche, as a greate nū-
ber of those, that be common
Plaies of Enterludes and
Plaies, as well within the
citie of London, as els where, within
the realme, do for the moste part plaie
suche Interludes, as contain matter,
tendpug to sedicion, and contempnyng
of sundery good orders & lawes, where
vpon are growen, and daily are like to
growe and ensue muche disquiet, diuis-
sion, tumultes & vproyes in this realme
the kynges maiestie, by the aduise and
consent of his dereft Uncle, Edward
Duke of Somerset, Gouvernour of his
persone, and Protector of his realmes
dominions and subiectes, and the rest
of his highnes priue counsell, straigh-
tly chargeth and commaundeth, al and
euery his maiesties subiectes, of what
soeuer state, order, or degree that bee,
that fro the. ix. daie of this present mo-
neth of August, untill the feast of all
Saiuctes nexte commyng, ther be any

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of them, openly or secretly, plaie in the
Englishe tongue, any kynde of Inter:
lude, Plaie, Dialogue, or other mat:
ter set furthe in forme of Plaie, in any
place, publique or priuate, within this
realme, vpon paine that whosoever shall
play in Englishe any suche Play, In:
terlude, Dialogue, or other Matter,
shall suffre imprisonment, & further pu:
nishmēt, at the pleasure of his maiestie

For the better execucion whereof,
his maiestie, by the said aduise and con:
sent, straightly chargeth and commaū:
deth, all and singuler Maiors, Sheri:
fes, Bailifes, Constables, Hedboro:
wes, Tithing men, Iustices of peace,
and al other his maiesties hed officers
in al y partes throughout the realme,
to geue order and speciall heede, that
this Proclamacion be in all behalves,
well and truely kept and obserued, as
thei and euery of them, tēder his high:
nes pleasure, and will auopde his in:
dignacion.

The .ix. daie of August.

A Proclamacion, inhibiting the
carriage ouer of Wolles.

For

AS muche, as diuerse men
of late, vse to ingrosse and ga
ther into their hādes, diuerse
greate quantities of wolles
to the intent to inhaunce and reise the
prices, and so to conueigh the same, in;
to the partes beyonde the seas, where;
by, not onely wolles and Clothes, but
likewise diuerse other kyndes of wa
res, been growen to excessive prices,
and other inconueniences thereof doo
folowe: the kynges maiestie, by the ad
uise and consent of his dearest Uncle,
Edward duke of Somerset, gouerno
of his persone, and Protector of all his
realmes, dominions and subiectes, and
the rest of his priue counsaill, straigh
tly chargeth and commaundeth, al and
euery, aswell his maiesties subiectes,
as any other esttraungers, Denizens,
or not Denizens, of what estate, order,
or degree so euer thei bee of, from, and
after the last daie of August next com
ing, vntill suche time as by like pro
clamacion, his Maiestie shall release
this restraint, that thei no maner wa

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yes, shall ship, loade, or transport, carry, nor cause to be shipped, transported or carried, any wolles, of what kynde or sort thei be, out of any Haven, Port or Creeke, within this realme, into any parties beyonde the seas, by vertue of any license hertofore graunted, or any otherwise, vpon pain to forfaiture the double value of all and euery suche wolles so laden and shipped, to thintent to carry to the parties beyond the Seas, by the owner or owners of the same wolles, and to suffre imprisonment at the kynges maiesties pleasure and that no Customer, Comptroller, nor any other officer of any haue, port, or Creeke, within this Realme, suffre suche wolles to be laden, in any Haven, Port, or Creeke, within their rules or offices, to be conueighed or carried, to any the parties beyōde the seas vpon pain of forfaiture of their office or offices, & to suffre imprisonment and fine at the kynges maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaies, that not withstanding, any thynge in this proclamation

cion contained, it shalbee lefull for the
Marchauntes of the Staple, to carry
and transport, suche Wolles and Sta-
ple ware, as thei might lawfully haue
doen, before this Proclamacion Pro-
claimed.

The xxij. daie of August.

A Proclamacion, licencing victualles, to be tran-
spoyted to Calice, Bulloyn, Newhaven. &c.

The Kynges Maiestie, by the
advice and consent of his dea-
rest uncle, Edward Duke of
Somerset, Gouvernour of his
persone, and Protector of all his Ma-
iesties realmes, dominions, and subie-
ctes, and the rest of his priue Coun-
saill, is pleased and contented, what-
soever restraint heretofore made not-
withstandyng, that all and singuler
his highnes Subiectes, maie at all ty-
mes, and by this Proclamacion, haue
licence & libertie, to carry and transport,
out of any parte of this his Realine,
all maner of victualles, fewell, and o-
ther prouision, and furniture whatso-
ever, to Calice, Bulloyn, or Newha-
uen, for the relief of the same: those and
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euery of them, that shall transport the
 saied victualles, fewell, or prouision,
 puttyng in good sufficient sureties, to
 not transporte thesame victualles, fe-
 well, or prouision, to any other parte,
 then to thesaied Calice, Bulloyn, or
 Newhauen, whereof, to byng certifi-
 cate within a tyme conuenient, to the
 Customer of the Porte, where he or
 thei shall charge thesaied victuall, fe-
 well, or prouision. Wherupō his high-
 nes, by thesaied aduise, is further plea-
 sed, that al suche as shal haue dischar-
 ged thesaied victuall, fewell, and pro-
 uision, at Calice, Bulloin, or Newha-
 uen, and byng certificate of thesaied
 discharge, subscribed with the handes
 of the Lorde Cobham, deputie of Ca-
 lice, the lorde Clintō, deputie of Bul-
 loyn, or of the lorde Ihon Grey, depu-
 tie of Newhauen, or any other for the
 tyme, so occupieng thesaied places, shal
 immediatly vpon the deliuey, of the-
 saied certificat, to the Customer of the
 Porte, where thesaied victualles, fe-
 well, or other prouision wer charged,
 be

be clerely acquitted of the Custome for
thesame, and haue their bondes deli-
uered to them accordyngly.

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The xxvij. daie of Marche.
A Declaration, concernyng
a perpetuall Peace.



THE Kyng our soue-
raigne lorde, hauing
alwaies before his e-
yes, the manifold be-
nefites and commodi-
ties of peace, and con-
sideryng howe necessary it is at this
tyme, not onely for his graces awne
Realmes and dominions, but also for
the whole state of Christendome, that
Christen Princes should agree, and
iopne in perfect loue, concord and ami-
tie together, whereby, thei shall first
please God, and bee the more able to
maintein their estates, & also procure
greate wealthe and quietnes, to their
Subiectes, the warres beeyng of late
entered, betwene his maiestie, and the
right high and mightie Prince, the
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ffrenche Kpng : hath vpon deliberate
advice and consideracion, remoued all
kind of enemitie, displeasure and un-
kindnes, that hath been betwene the,
and hath vpon moſte Godly and hono-
rable cōditions, paſſed, concluded, and
agreed, a good, perfect, ſincere, firme,
aſſured and perpetual amitie, peace, in-
telligence, confederacion, and vñion, to
remain and cōtinue for euer, betwene
his moſte excellent Maieſtie, and his
heires and ſucceſſours, on the one par-
tie: and the ſaid right high and mightie
Prince, the ffrenche kpng, on thother
partie, their realmes, countries, cities
townes, lādes, dominions, territories &
ſeignories, places, caſtelles, baſſalles
and ſubiectes, by ſea, lande, freſhe wa-
ters, & els where: by the whiche peace
it is provided and ordeined, that from
hencefurthe all hoſtilitie and warre,
ſhall ceaſſe on either partie. And the
ſaid Princes, their heires and ſucceſ-
ſors, with al their baſſalles and ſubie-
ctes, to liue together in peace, amitie,
intelligence, concord, loue, vñitie and
frendſhip,


friendship. And that it shalbe lefull, to
all and singuler the subiectes of either
of them, of what estate, degree, or con-
dicion soeuer thei bee, frely, quietly,
peaceably, and at libertie, and without
any safe Conduite or licence, to entre
into the others Realmes, there to re-
main, demurre, haunt, frequent, be cō-
uersant, dwell, sojorne, abide, or tho-
rowe thesame to passe at their pleas-
sure. And all feactes of marchaundises
entercourse, erchaunge, buying, sel-
lyng, or other busines whatsoeuer it
be, not prohibited, nor defended by the
lawes of the realmes, to vse, occupie,
doo and exercise, and from thesame to
passe and repasse, with their goodes,
marchaundises, shippes, cartes, caria-
ges, horses, armours, and other thyn-
ges whatsoeuer thei be, not prohibited
without arrest, stoppe, molestacion,
contradiccion, or impediment: and ge-
nerally all other thynge to dooe, vse,
and exercise, as frely, and liberally, as
thei haue dooen in tyme of peace taken
betwene the realmes of Englande and
Fraunce,

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fraunce, heretofore accordyngly. In
whiche peace is also comprehēded, the
moſte high and mightie Prince, Char-
les by the grace of God Emperoz. &c.
with all his realmes, dominions, lan-
des, Countries, and ſubiectes: and no
manner of thyng, touchyng the frende-
ſhip and perpetuall amitie with hym,
or any entercourſe of marchaundiſes,
or other thyng, is by this preſent peace
in any wiſe violated, broken, impaired,
diminiſhed, or hindered, but all remain
in full perfecte ſtrength and vertue, as
firmely, wholy, and entierely as thei
were before. And more ouer in theſaid
peace is comprehēded, the right high
and excellent Princeſſe the Quene,
and realme of Scotlande, and ſubiec-
tes of theſame.

The iiij. daie of Maie.

A Proclamation, for the aduoynting of idle
perſones, out of the cite of London.

 The kyng our ſouereigne lord
by thaduise and conſent of his
highnes moſte honorable pri-
uie counſail, ſtraightly char-
geth and cōmaundeth, that all & euery
perſone

persone and persones, of what estate,
condicion, or degree, so euer he or thei
be, beyng his graces natural subiectes
borne, whiche were not borne within
his Maiesties Citie and Chamber of
Londō, the Borough of Southwarke
or the Suburbes within the liberties
of thesame, nor be houtholders there,
or haue sufficient to liue by, and good
and reasonable cause there to remain,
nor haue continued and dwelled, with
in thesame, by the space of three yeres
together, now last past, and now doe
continue, sojourne, & abide there with
in thesaied citie, Borough, or Subur-
bes, not being retained in seruice with
any persone, nor applyng themselves,
to any bodely laboꝝ, or lawfull occupa-
cion, and takng stipende and wages
for thesame, doo not onely furthwith,
vpon this Proclamacion, departe and
auoyde out of thesaied citie, Borough
and liberties thereof, but also with al
conuenient speede, do retorne, and get
thēselfes home again, either into their
natiue Countries, where thei were
borne,

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borne, or els into the places within the
realme, where thei last dwelte, by the
space of thre yerres together, accordyng
to the tenor, forme, and effecte, of
the estatute in that behalf concernyng
the ordyng of aged and impotent pers
sones and the punishment of vaca
boundes, idle, and lopteryng persons,
and Masterles men, lately made and
provided, vpon the paines in the same
estatute, limited & expressed. And that
thesaid Maior, Aldermen, and Shir
tifes, and every of them, and all and
every other his maiesties officers, and
ministers, within thesaid Citie, Wo
rough of Southwarke, and liberties
thereof (all excuses ceassyng and set as
part) endeuor themselves with all con
uenient diligence, from hencefurthe,
from tyme to tyme, to se, procure, and
cause thesaid Estatute, and every
braunche and article therein contained
iustly to bee obserued, and put in due
execucio accordyngly, as thei and eue
ry of them, tender his maiesties fauor,
and will auoyde his highnes indigna
cion,

cion, and displeasure.

The. by. date of Maie.

A Proclamacion, inhibiting the cariage
of victualles beyonde the Sea.

The kyng our souereigne lorde
hauing speciall regarde and
vigilant eye vnto the wealth,
comoditie and profite, of this
his realme of Englāde, and of his most
louyng Subiectes of the same, conside-
ring the high prices of sundery kyndes
of victualles, and other prouisions,
whiche should seme to rise, by reason
of the scarcitie thereof, to the greates
burden and charges, of his saied most
louyng subiectes, is now earnestly min-
ded, to make speciall restraint for con-
ueighaunce of suche victuals and other
prouisions, in the partes of beyond the
sea, wherfore his royal maiestie, by the
aduisse of his moste honorable counsaill
doth moste straightly charge and com-
maunde, all and singuler his saied sub-
iectes and others, whatsoeuer thei be,
that neither thei nor any of theim, nor
any other, in their name or names, vnder
the pain of imprisonment, and vpon
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the paines of suche forfaitors, contayned in the Lawes and statutes of this realme, shall from hencefurthe, vntill his maiesties pleasure be further knowne, carry or conueigh, into the partes beyonde the Sea, any kynde of Beefes, Muttons, Meales, Lambe, Pork, Butter, Cheese, Corne, Grain, Woodd or Woodde Cole, Ale, Bere, Tallowe, Hides, or generally any other kyndes of victuall, except onely to the Toun of Calice, and Castelles of Guisnes, and Hamnes, and that hauing sufficient licēce for thesame. And also his maiestie, by the aduise of his said moste honorable counsaill, doth like wise moste straightly charge and commaunde, all and singuler his Customers, Comp: trollers, Serchers, and other Officers and ministers, within all and singuler his highnes Portes, Hauens and creekes, within this his realme of Englande and Wales, and the Marches of thesame, that thei shall make diligēt search continually, for the farther and better furtheraunce of this the kinges maiesties

maiesties high and dreadfull commaundement. And that thei in no case, do suffer any suche victual or prouision aforesaid, to be shipped or conueighed, out of any of the said Portes, Hauens, or Trekes, or other places, excepte onely vnto the said toun of Calice, and Castelles aforesaid, hauing authoritie by speciall licence, to receiue the same. And in that case, the kynges maiesties pleasure and commaundement is, that the said Customers, Comptrollers, Serchers, or other officers, dooe take bond of the conueighers, and entre in; to their booke, the tyme of the conueighing, and the specialties of the thynges conueighed, and that the capitaines, or other hed officers, of the said Toun and Castelles, vpon the arriual of the conueighaunce, of any suche victualles or other prouisiōs aforesaid, vnto those parties, shall make certificate thereof in wytyng, vnder their handes and seales, vnto the kynges Court of the Exchequer, within thre weekes, after the arrest thereof, and in case any thyng by

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any person, be hereafter attempted or
doen, contrary to this present Procla-
mation, the kinges maiestie. by thadvise
of his saied moste honorable counsaill,
doth signifie and promise, to any suche
person, as shall shewe and revele the
offence so committed, shall haue suche
portion thereof, as is pouen by the sta-
tutes, and as the Lawe shall permit.
This Proclamation to cōtinue to the
feast of all Sainctes next insupng.

The. xij. daie of Maie.

A Proclamation, for So-
werers of sedition.

The kyng our soueraigne lord
vpon the greate and vrgent
causes, concerning the quiet-
nes and tranquillitie of this
his realme and subiectes, considerpng
therewith, how many and sundery wa-
yes, diuerse euill disposed persones,
haue lately attempted and gone about
in conuenticles and secrete places of
this his Maiesties realme, where thei
durste speake their pleasure, without
regard of his highnes, or his honora-
ble counsaill, determined, and conspi-
red

red diuerse and sundery euill factes,
and enterprises and disorders, tending
to rebellion, Murder, and vnlawfull
assēbles, wherein, almightie God hath
hetherto prouided, that their saied de-
terminacions, haue come to his mai-
esties knowlege, to the subduyng, and
present destruction of suche persones,
and as many as willpungly, toke parte
with them in that behalfe: his Maie-
stie forsepung suche daungers, and desir-
yng the knowlege of suche persones,
as shall hereafter go aboute or attēpt
the like matters, hath thought it mete
to signifie vnto all and singuler his lo-
uyng Subiectes, that if thei or any of
them, shall knowe any maner of con-
spiracie, or other priuie intēt, of insur-
reccion or rispng to be made, moued, or
attempted, by any persone or persones
within any Shire, place or places, of
this his saied realme (and before open
knowlege thereof had) do with all ex-
pedicion, make thesame to be knownen,
either to his highnes, or vnto his priuy
counsaill, or vnto his Maiesties Lieu-

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tenaunt of the countie and shire, where any suche thyng shalbee intended, mooued or determined, and the same accusation, by any meane lawfully or duly proued, shall not onely haue of the kynges maiestie, for his paines and labour, for euery suche matter, or priuie intent so disclosed and proued (as is aforesaid) although he or thei bee one of the conspiracie, the some of twentie poundes, but also his maiesties benigne fauour and Wardon, with thanks for the same accordngly.

The .xxij. daie of Maie.
A Proclamation, for byndyng of Wolles.

Where in the Parliamēt, holden in the .xxvij. yere of the reigne of our mooste noble progenitor, Kyng Edward the third, it was enacted and ordeined, among other thynges, that all wolle packers, & wynders of wolles, should bee sworne, and take a corporall othe, before the Maior and Constables of the Staple of Westminster, for the time beyng, truely and iustly to wynde and packe,

packe al the wolles within the realme.
by force of whiche estatute, and by the
good ordinaunces, made in thesaid E:
staple, the felowshippe of wolle
wynders, otherwise called wolle men
haue euer since, iustly and truly wounde
and packed all suche wolles as thei
haue meddeled with, throughout this
Realme, vnto now of late, diuerse and
many persones, contrary to thesaid E:
statute, takyng vpon them to be wolle
winders, in many places of this realme
neither beeyng sworne, nor experte in
wyndyng and foldyng of wolles, of
whiche, some of theim bee Tailours,
weauers, Cordwainers, Barbourers,
Husbandmen, & other artificers, haue
gone aboute, and daily doo go aboute,
throughtout this realme, in many places,
and practise theunselfes in wyndyng
and foldyng of thesaid wolles
by the procurement and meanes of the
owners and breders of thesaid wolles,
and do wynde vp, and deceiptfully
putte into thesaid fleeces of wolle,
Sand, Stones, Dust, Pitche, Tarre

Anno. IIIL.

Clarie, Iron, Leade, double markes,
thorlockes, Dunge, Lameſwolles, and
other deceiueable thynges, not onely
to the greate ſlaunder of this realme,
but alſo to the ſlaunder of the Mar:
chauntes of theſaied Staple, and like:
wiſe alſo, to the greate hynderaunce
and deceit, of theſaied Marchauntes,
as alſo to the great loſſe and pzeiudice
of the kinges ſubiectes, vſyng the ſeate
or craſte of Clothmakynge, within this
Realme: For reſormacion and redreſſe
whereof, the kynges moſte royall ma:
ieſtie, by the aduiſe of his moſte hono:
rable counſaill, ſtraightly chargeth and
commaundeth, that no maner of perſon
or perſones, whatſoeuer he or thei be,
at any tyme hereafter, go aboute, or
take vpon hym or them, to wynd or ſolde
any maner of wolles, in any countrie
where any ende wolles are accuſtomed
to be wrought, had or vſed, for the mar:
chaunt of the Staple, or the Clothier,
before he or thei ſhalbee admitted and
allowed by the Maſters, and Wardes
of the compaignie, and felowſhip of the
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Wolles men, of the Citie of London, or
 one of them for the tyme being, to the
 intēt that he or thei shalbe expert, and
 haue knowlege in thesaied craft or mi-
 sterie, for the true wyndyng and fol-
 dyng of Wolles. And that euery per-
 sone or persones, so allowed and ad-
 mitted, for an able and lawfull worke-
 man or workemen, by thesaied Master
 and Wardens, or one of them, for the
 tyme being, of thesaied compaignie or
 felowship of Wolles men, shall haue a
 testimoniall, or certificate of his allo-
 wance, & admittance vnder the seale
 of the Maior of the Staple of West-
 minster, for the tyme being, and that
 none of thesaied persones, so allowed
 and admitted, or that shalbee so allo-
 wed and admitted, shall go aboute, or
 take vpon hym or theim, to wynde, or
 fold any Wolles, before he or thei haue
 taken a corporall othe, before thesaied
 Maior, for the tyme being, that he or
 thei, shall truly and iustly, without de-
 ceipt, wynde or folde, all and singuler
 suche Wolles or Wolles, as he or thei
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Anno. II II.

Claie, Iron, Leade, double markes,
thorlockes, Dunge, Lameſwolles, and
other deceiueable thynges, not onely
to the greate ſlaunder of this realme,
but alſo to the ſlaunder of the Mar:
chauntes of theſaied Staple, and like:
wiſe alſo, to the greate hynderaunce
and deceit, of theſaied Marchauntes,
as alſo to the great loſſe and pzeiudice
of the kinges ſubiectes, vſyng the ſeact
or crafte of Clothmakynge, within this
Realme: For reſormacion and redreſſe
whereof, the kynges moſte royall ma:
ieſtie, by the aduiſe of his moſte hono:
rable counſaill, ſtraightly chargeth and
commaundeth, that no maner of perſon
or perſones, whatſoeuer he or thei be,
at any tyme hereafter, go aboute, or
take vpon hym or them, to wynd or folde
any maner of wolles, in any countrie
where any ende wolles are accuſtomed
to be wrought, had or vſed, for the mar:
chaunt of the Staple, or the Clothier,
before he or thei ſhalbee admitted and
allowed by the Maſters, and Wardes
of the compaignie, and felowſhip of the
wolle

Wolles men, of the Citie of London, or
one of them for the tyme being, to the
intēt that he or thei shalbe expert, and
haue knowlege in thesaied craft or mi-
sterie, for the true wyndyng and fol-
dyng of Wolles. And that euery per-
sone or persones, so allowed and ad-
mitted, for an able and lawfull workes-
man or workemen, by thesaied Master
and Wardens, or one of them, for the
tyme being, of thesaied compaignie or
felowship of Wolles men, shall haue a
testimoniall, or certificate of his allo-
waunce, & admittauce vnder the seale
of the Maior of the Staple of West-
minster, for the tyme being, and that
none of thesaied persones, so allowed
and admitted, or that shalbee so allo-
wed and admitted, shall go aboute, or
take vpon hym or them, to wynde, or
fold any Wolles, before he or thei haue
taken a corporall othe, before thesaied
Maior, for the tyme being, that he or
thei, shall truly and iustly, without de-
ceipt, wynde or folde, all and singuler
suche Wolle or Wolles, as he or thei
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shall take vpon hym or them, to winde
folde, or without leaupng, or puttyng
within any flece or fleeces, any maner
Clokkes, Lockes, Wynder shankes,
Tayles, Washelockes, Stones, Sande
Dust, Lumber, or double markes, or
any wolle or wolles of wourse Na-
ture or growyng, then thesame flece
is, or any other filth to be left, vpon the
breeche of any flece or fleeces, wherby
any suche flece or fleeces, maie be em-
paired, or made weightier, or minishe,
or take away any part or porcion of the
goodnes of any of thesame fleeces, to
thintent to deceiue the buyers, ne shal
use any other deceipt, craft, fraude, or
gyle therein, vpon pain of imprisonmēt
by the space of ten daies, and to be set
vpon the Pillorie, in the next Market
toun, with a flece of wolle, hangyng
aboute his necke. And his maiestie, by
the assent aforesaid, further straightly
chargeth and commaundeth, that no
grower, breder, brogger, or gatherer of
any wolles, within any of his graces
Counties, shall at any tyme hereafter
set

set a worke any wolle folder, or wolle
wynder, to folde or wynde, his or their
wolles, vntill the said wol-
folder, or wolwynder, byng with him
or them, a testimonial or certificat, vn-
der the seale of the said Maio, of the
Staple of Westminster, for the tyme
beyng, testifying hym or them, to bee
sworne & admitted, for an able worke-
man, to folde and wynde wolles, vpon
like pain and paines, as are and bee a-
bove expressed. And forasmuche, as it
is perceiued, and certainly knowne,
that diuerse coueteous persones, now
of late, of their greedy and vnsati-
able myndes, not beyng contented, ne satis-
fied with suche increase, of wolles of
their shepe, as god hath geuen the but
contrary to all godlines and honestie,
haue abused the said gifte of God, in
lettynge their said shepe remain vn-
shorne and vnclipt, by the space of thre
weekes or a Moneth, after the said wa-
shing, and dryng again of the same, be-
fore thei will shere or clippe them,
to thintent their said wolles, mought

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be the weightier, partly by meanes of
 their sweating, & partly also, through
 other filthe, whiche dooth increase, by
 reason of their lōg differreng the shep-
 yng and clippng of thesame, aswell
 to the unpairng of thesame wolles,
 as also to the shamefull deceit, of the
 saied Marchauntes of thesaied Estap-
 ple, and the Clothiers of this réalme,
 buyng or workyng of thesame. Where-
 vpon, for the aduoydng and eschew-
 yng, aswell of that crafte and deceit,
 as all other aboue named in tyme to
 come: the kynges moste royall Maie-
 stie, with thassent aforesaid, straightly
 chargeth and commaundeth, that from
 hencefurthe, no Grower, or breder of
 wolles, whatsoeuer he or thei be, shall
 permit or suffer, his or their shepe, be-
 yng washed and dried again, ready to
 bee shorne, to go aboue five or sixe da-
 yes unshorne, or unclipt, vpon pain of
 forfaiture, for euery hundreth of the-
 same Shepe, so remainyng unclipt, as
 is aboue specified. xl.s. or vnder or a-
 boue an hundred, after thesame rate,
 to

to be paid to our soueraigne lord the
 Kpng, in his Archequer at Westmin-
 ster. And further, his Maiestie by the
 assent aforesaid, straightly chargeth
 and commaundeth, all and euery Iu-
 stice of peace, Maiors, Shirifes, Bail-
 liffs, and all other officers and Mini-
 sters, that thei and euery of thē, cause
 euery suche offender or offenders, to be
 punished for suche offence or offences,
 accordyng as is afore expressed and de-
 clared, and that whatsoeuer Justice of
 Peace, Maior, Sherief, Bailife, or o-
 ther officer, doo refuse to punishe any
 persone or persones, so to hym or them
 presented, according to this present or-
 dinaunce and his or their faultes, due-
 ly known and proued, shall forfait to
 the Kpnges Maiestie our soueraigne
 lord, twentie poundes, to bee paid in
 his highnes Archequer, and further,
 to incurre his graces high displeasure.

The xx. daie of Iuly.

A Proclamation, for the aduordyng
 of Capitaines, out of the Ci-
 tie of London.

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The kynges moste royal ma:
iestie, by the aduise of his pri:
uie counsaill, straightly char:
geth and commaundeth, all
maner Capitaines, Officers of bandes
and Souldiours, aswell Englishe, as
straungers, of what nacion soeuer thei
be, whiche are not presently entertay:
ned, in his highnes wages, & haue been
paied for their seruice, by the Treas:
urers thereunto appoynted, accor:
dyng to their capitulacions, vntill the
daie of their calling, and dismissal:
that thei, and euery of theim, faile not
to depart, and auoyde from this Citee
of London, the Suburbes, & the mem:
bers of thesame, within thre daies af:
ter this present Proclamation publi:
shed, vpon pain that if any of the afo:
saied Capitaines, Officers of bandes,
or souldiours, be found after that daie
to remain, or lodge, within thesaied ci:
tie, Suburbes, or membres of thesame
contrary to the tenor and effect hereof.
he or thei so offendyng, shall suffre
straight imprisonment, with further
punishment

punishment at his maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaies, that this Proclamacion, ne any thyng therein contained, shall not extende to any ordinary pencioner, strainger, or to any other seruaunt of the kinges maiestie, or seruaunt to any other noble man, or gentleman, but that thei maie continue, and remain here at their libertie, as before, without daungier or restraint hereof accordyngly.

The. ix. daie of July.

A Proclamacion, inhibitoryng the cariage of Viualles, and other Marchandise, out of the Realme.

The Kynges moste excellent Maiestie calling to his princely remembraunce, how, accordyng to the regall power and state, to hym comitted by almighty God, ouer this realme of England, and other his highnes dominions, nothyng can better declare, the zeale and affeccion by his highnes, borne towardes the common weale, then when by all good meanes, suche orders procede from his maiestie, as maie best tende to
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the generall plentie of thynges, here
 needfull for the commodious liuyng of
 his highnes naturall Subiectes, and
 namely suche thynges as bee brought
 furthe, and here geuen vs by God, as
 the peculier comodities of this realme
 maie be perceiued and enioyed, by the
 Subiectes of thesame, to their vtilitie
 and mutuall benefite, among themsel-
 fes in moſte plētiful ſort, and chepenes
 of price, before others, accordyng as of
 auncient tyme hath been accustomed.

Forasmuche as of late yeres, the
 ſaid commodities, haue not onely been
 reduced, to a great ſcarcitie, but ther-
 by alſo, to an vnwonted exceſſiue price
 the cauſe wherof, to no one thyng may
 ſoner bee erected, then that now com-
 monly thoſe comodities, which ought
 ſpecially to ſerue the turne, & bee em-
 ployed to the vſe and ſuſtentacion of
 the ſubiectes hereinhabitynge, are in o-
 uerlarge maner cōueighed into forain
 regions, aſwell by colour of licences,
 unlawfully vſed, as alſo by ſtelth and
 couyn, muche to the defraudacion, and
 impouerithē

impouerishemēt, of the common weale
and to his highnes no lesse discontent-
ment and displeasure: Be it therefore
published and knowen, to all maner
persones, that his Maiestie, by the ad-
uise of his highnes prīuie Counsaill,
straightly chargeth and commaundeth
that no maner kynde or sort of victual-
les, Corne, Bere, wolles, felles, Le-
ther, Hides, Tallowe, Helmettall,
woodd, or Cole, whiche haue been vsu-
ally bought or solde, as marchaundise,
and are presently restrained, from car-
rying furthe of this realme, by the la-
wes and statutes of thesame, shall frō
the daie of the date hereof forwarde,
be shipped, conueighed, or transported
into any forrain partes, out of this
realme (the Tōune of Calice onely ex-
cepted) by any person or persons, En-
gliſhe or Straungers, by vertue or pre-
tence, of any licence or licences (here-
tofore made or graunted) vntill here-
after vpon further respectes it shall
please his maiestie to enlarge thesame
nor that by force of any other graunt,
allegacion,

allegacion, colour, pretence or meanes
 any person or persons, attempt or pro-
 cure, from hencefurthe to ship or trans-
 porte into forain partes, any kinde or
 sort of the aforesaid victualles, Torne,
 Bere, wolles, felles, wodd, Cole, Le-
 ther, Hides, Helmettall, or Tallowe,
 vpon pain, that whosoever shall do, to
 the contrary hereof, shall not onely
 therefore, besides the penalties expres-
 sed in the Statutes, restraining the
 transportation of the same, incurre the
 losse and forfaiture of the said thyn-
 ges, or any of them so shipped, contra-
 ry to this restraint, the one halfe to be
 immediatly confiscated, to his highnes
 Tofers, and the other halfe to the pre-
 sētōr of the same, into his graces court
 of the Archequer, & like wise the ship
 or other vessel, wherein any of the said
 thyniges prohibited, shall hereafter be
 shipped, to be forfeited to his highnes
 but also that the said principal offēdor,
 or offendours, and as many as shalbee
 aidng, and cōsentng to the shipping
 and conueighaunce, of any of the afo-
 said

saied thynges prohibited, shall suffer imprisonment, and fine at the Kynge's Maiesties pleasure. And that it shalbe lawfull, to euery of his highnes Subiectes, or others, to present and pursue the accion, against any suche principall offendour or offendours, at any tyme within the space of thre yerres, nexte after the tyme of any suche shipping, or coueighaunce, as is before expressed and to haue pardon of his imprisonmēt fine or other penaltie, in case he were before adopyng or consentynge, to the said principall offendours act.

Provided alwaies, that this present Proclamacion, nor any thyng therein contained, shall not bee preiudiciall to the Maior and felowship, of the Marchauntes Estaples at Calice, but that thei make still continue their said trade accordyng to their Charters of priuileges, in as ample maner as before.

The .xv. daie of Iuly.

A Proclamacion, prohibiting
Scottish Pirates.

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The Kynge's Maiestie, beyng
sundry waies aduertised, as
wel by the complaint, of sun-
dery his maiesties subiectes,
traffiquing the Seas, as also by the
like complaint, of diuerse Marchan-
tes straungers, Subiectes to his good
brother, and perpetuall allie the Em-
peror, and others, of the great spoyles
robberies and iniuries, doen vnto the,
by certain Scottishe shippes, haūtyng
the seas, vpon the costes of Cornewall
Irelande, Wales, Suffolke, and other
partes of this Kealne, whereby, not
only the libertie of their traffique, is
muche impeched, in suche sorte, as thei
haue presumed, to commit some of the
saied spoyles and robberies, in the ve-
ry entrie and mouthe, of some of his
Maiesties Hauens and Portes, and
within his highnes streames and Ri-
uers: Consideryng that thesaid Scot-
tes, haue no free traffique, in this his
Maiesties realme, ne in any other his
maiesties countreies or dominions, his
maiestie, by thadvice of his priuie coun-
saill,

fail, straightly chargeth and commaun-
deth, all Maiors, Shirifes, Bailifes,
Constables, serchers, Comptrollers,
and al other his maiesties officers, mi-
nisters, and subiectes, that thei, ne any
of them, from the publicacion of these
presentes, do not receiue into any of his
maiesties Portes, Hauens, or Creekes
any of thesaied Scottes, nor any other
Scottes (vnles thei haue his maiesties
safe conduite) their vesselles, shippes,
goodes, factors, or seruauntes, nor aide
or succor with victualles, or any other
necessaries, any of thesaied Scottes, so
empechynge y^e traffique, as is aforesaid
nor that thei thesaied Scottes, their
factoures, seruauntes, or any other for
them, or any of them, be permitted to
sell, or do sell, any goodes, marchandi-
zes, or wares whatsoever, so taken v-
pon the Seas, of any of his Maiesties
subiectes, or the subiectes of any other
prince, beyng in amitie or league, with
his saied maiestie vpon pain that who-
soever shall, or may be founde, to haue
transgressed any part, of this his Ma-

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lesties pleasure, shall suffre imprisonment, without baile or mainprise, and also fine and raunsom, at his maiesties will and pleasure, ouer and besides the forfaiture, of all suche goodes, as shalbe bought or receiued, cōtrary to this Proclamacion.

Provided alwaies, that this Proclamacion, shall not be preiudiciall, to any Marchaunt or vessell of Scotlads haupng the kynges Maiesties letters of safeconduite, but that accordyng to the tenour and effecte of thesame, thei maie vse their trafficque of marchaundize in this realme, for the tyme limited, in thesaied safeconduite.

The.iiij. daie of August.

A Proclamacion, for the valuation
of the Frenche Crowne.


The Kynges Maiestie, by the aduise and consent of his graces priuie counsaill, is plesed, and doth ordein, that from the date of the date and publicacion hercof forwarde, all maner Frenche Crownes, of the Sunne, beeyng of the iust standard, finesse, and weight, shalbe deemed,

med and accepted, to be of the value of
viij. s. of currant money of this realme,
and that euery suche frence Trowne
of the Sunne, beyng of the iust weight
and finesse, accordyng to the stādard of
thesame, shall commonly be paid and
receiued, throughout this his Maie:
ties Realme, and other his graces do-
minions, in al paymentes and receptes
for, and after the rate and value of. viij.
s. of the currant money of this realme:
straightly chargyng and commaūdyng
al and singuler his maiesties subiectes
and others, dwellyng, conuersyng, or
traffickyng, within thesaied his gra-
ces Realme and dominions, that thei,
and euery of them, obserue, fulfill and
execute, the effect and tenor, of this pre-
sent proclamacion, vpon pain that who-
so disobeyeth, or refuseth so to doo, be-
yng by due profe thereof detected, shall
suffre imprisonment, and farther pun-
ishment, at his maiesties pleasure.

The. xiiij. daie of September.

A Proclamacion, for bynggyn
grain to the Market.

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 Whereas heretofore, by many good Lawes, Statutes, and other good orders, it hath been vpon diuerse peines, straightly forbidden, that no Corne, Cattell, or other thynges, appertayning to the foode and sustentacion of the people of this Realme, should in tyme of nede, be conueighed out of the same, into forrain partes, or by couyn and deceipt, so enhaunced to vnrasonable prices, that thereby, the native people of this Realme, bothe lackyng those sustentacions, whiche the naturall soyle of the realme, yeldeth principally to the, and also burdened with the excessive prices of those thynges whiche remain, should thereupon sustain miserie and daungier of famine: Yet neuertheles, the vnsatiablen greedy desire of diuerse euill natured people, neither myndyng the due obseruacion of good lawes, neither any preseruacio of naturall societie, within their awne countrey, hath of late tyme, contrary to the prouision of the said lawes bothe

bothe by frequent unlawfull exportacions of thesaid victualles out of the realme into forain partes, and also by many detestable fraudes and counys, geuen and daily increased occasion of greate scarcitie and vnyreasonable prices, of thesaid victualles and sustentacions, whiche no lenger maie be endured: wherefore the kynges maiestie, by the aduise of his highnes counsaill, considering the greate profit, whiche maie ensue of the recucion of thesaid lawes and Proclamacions, and the necessitie of thesame at this present tyme, dooth by proclamaciō, as hereafter foloweth prouide and ordein, whereunto his maiestie, mooste straightly chargeth and commaundeth, all due and conuenient regard to be geuen, by al and euery his maiesties subiectes, as thei will auoyde bothe the pain therein expressed, and also his maiesties high indignacion.

ffirst, the kynges maiesties pleasure is, by thaduise of his counsaill, that no persone or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion soeuer thei bee, shall

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after. viij. daies, immediatly insupung
the publicacion of this Proclamacion,
in the countie where thei, or any of the
dwelleth, transport, Ship, or carry or
uer the Seas, oute of this his highnes
realme of Englande, or any other his
graces Dominions, pertainng to the
same, or into the realme of Scotlande,
or elles where, into any other forrain
Realmes or Countries, and there
dooe make willpungly Dort sale of any
Wheate, Malte, Ric, Barly, Bease,
Beanes, Otes, or any other kynde of
grain, or the Meales of any of the same
Beses, Muttos, Meales, Cheese, But
ter, Tallowe, Candell, Beere, Ale,
Bread, Bisket, Lether, Salt Pides,
Wodde, Wolles, felles, or any other
kynd of victuall, vpon pain to forfait,
aswell all the goodes & cattalles, that
he or thei haue to their awne vse, their
aidors or consentors, at the tyme that
thei shalbe founde to offend this Pro
clamacion, as also the ship and shippes
wherin it shal fortune the premisses, or
any of them to be transported, and also
the

the thyng or thynges it self so trasport-
ted: any licence, graunt or dispensacion
to the cōtrary heretofore graunted, in
anywise notwithstanding, thone moi-
tie of the said forfaiture, to bee to the
vse of hym or them, that shall finde and
presēt and approue the same, & thother
moitie to the vse of the kynges mai-
esty our soueraigne lord, or to the lord
or lordes of the franchises, who hath
aucthoritie to haue the same, by his
highnes graunt, or other lawfull mea-
nes. For the recovery wherof, the first
presentor and partie greued, shall haue
their remedy by bill, or informaciō, be-
fore the Kynges highnes priue coun-
saill, or any twoo of them, the Starre
Chamber, his graces Courtes of the
Erchequer, Kinges Benche or Com-
mon Place, or before foure Iustices of
Peace of the Shire where the offence
shall happen, and the premisses or any
parte thereof, so to bee carried ouer or
transported, so that one of the said Jus-
tices of the shire, be Justice also of the
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Provided alwaies, that the Marchauntes of the Staple, may lawfully carry over and transporte, the Wolles and felles to Calice, in suche sorte as thei haue been heretofore accustomed, this Proclamacion in any wise not withstanding.

Provided also, that if at any time of the Shipping, or transporting of the premisses, or any of them: the best whet be commonly sold in Englande for. vij. s. viij. d. the quarter or under, and so after the rate. Malt of the best sort for. v. s. the quarter. Weanes & Pease of the best sort, for. iiij. s. the quarter. Otes of the best sort, for. iiij. s. iiij. d. the quarter And Rie of the best sorte, for. v. s. the quarter, or under, that then it shal be lawful, to all and every the kynges maiesties subiectes, being Englihe or denizens, to carry over and transport, every thesaied kyndes of grain, at their will and pleasure, this Proclamacion notwithstanding.

Provided also, that al & every of the Kynges highnes saied subiectes, maie carry

carry ouer and transporte, any of the kyndes of commodities aforesaid, for the victuallng and furnishing of Callice onely, and the Kynges highnes or ther peces for warre, therunto adioynng, this Proclamacion notwithstanding, so that by colour thereof, the said kyndes of commodities, ne any of them be not in any other places bestowed or employed, contrary to the intent and true meanyng of this Proclamacion.

Provided also further, that it shall be lawfull, for all maner of persones, aswell marchauntes as other, hauing good and lawfull occasion, to repaire to the Seas, to furnishe their shippes and vesselles, with necessary prouision of victuall for thesame, and not other wise, this Proclamacion or any thng therein contained, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item, that no person of what estate condicion or degree, so euer that he be, after the said. viij. daies, before expressed, shall buy or cause to be bought, in open Market, or otherwise to be solde
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again, any Wheat, Malt, Barly, Rie
pease, otes, Beanes, misselin, meale, or
any kynde of Meales, of any of the said
graines, vpon pain of forfaiture of the
same grain or Meale, so bought to sell
again, or the vttermoste value of the
same, & the moztie of his or their goo-
des, cattalles, leases and ffarmes, for
terme of life, lifes, or yeres, or at Will,
whiche he or thei haue to their awne
vse, the one moztie of the said forfait-
ture, to be to the vse of the partie gre-
ued that shal first present and approue
thesame, and the other moztie, to thuse
of the kynges maiestie, or to such other
as shal haue good right to the same, as
is aforesaid, and the recovery thereof
to be had in forme aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, that al Bruers
and Bakers maie buy, all and euery of
the said kyndes of grains, & the meales
of the same, so that thei couert the same
so by them bought, or to be bought, in-
to bread and drinke, or one of them, and
not to sel the premisses, or any of them
in that kynde or sort, as thei bought or
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shall buye thesame, or any part therof.

Provided also, that all and every Inkeper and Inkepers, maie sell and utter in their Innes or houses, to bee spent and consumed there, Beanes, Pease and otes, to suche as be, or shal bee their gesses, & shal bee lodged with them or any of them: so that thei sell thesame, at reasonable and convenient prices.

Provided also, that all Broggers, and comon carriers of grain, maie buy and sell any of thesaid graines, so that thesame bee sold to any Bakers, Brewers, Inholders, or in open Market: Forsepyng alwaies, that thesaid Broggers & comon carriers, ne any other to their vse, haue at any one time, of their awne, in their possession, or in the possession of any other to their vse, aboue the number of ten quarters, of any one of the kyndes of grain aforesaid.

Provided also, that in case any person or persones, meaning or pretending at the tyme of the buyng of any of thesaid graines, to expende thesame
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onely in his or their houses, and after shall happen to be comaunded to serue the Kyniges maiestie in his warres, or otherwise, that then it shalbe lefull to hym or them, that shalbe so commaunded, by any his officer or seruaunt, to sell all thesaied kynde of graines, and euery of them, in such sort, and for like prices, as the like graines shal then be commonly solde for, in the Market or vnder, any thynge in this Proclamacio notwithstanding.

Item, the kyniges maiesties pleasor by the aduise aforesaid, is, that the Iustices of the Peace in euery shire, citie borough, or tounne corporat, shall deuide themselves into Hundredes, Rapes, Wardes, and Wapentakes, accordyng as heretofore, in other his highnes affaires thei haue doen, and thei or twoo of them at the lest, within the limites of their diuision, shall with al diligēce repaire to all farnes, Barnes, Stacks, and Barners, within the precinct or limites of their saied diuision, and there view, search, and trie out, as wel
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by the veredict of honest men, as by all other good and lawfull meanes & wayes, by their good discrecions, what quantitie and kyndes of grain, every persone and persones, haue within the precinct of thesame their diuision, and after the certaintie thereof (as nere as they can) knowen vnto them, they shall allot, appoynt & allowe to the owner of thesaid Corne and grain, so by them founde in Barres, Stacks, or Garners, sufficient and competent grain, for the finding & maintenaunce of his or their houses, payment of their rent cornes, and performaunce of any bargain or bargaines, made or to bee made for the kynges maiesties house, or to any noble manne, gentleman or others, for the onely maintenaunce, of his or their households and family, vntill the xx. date of September now nexte commyng, and also for necessary seede corne to be employed on his or their farme, or farmes, to be sowed before the xx. date of June, now next commyng.

And for the ouerplus of thesaid grain,

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grain, so founde in Barnes, stacks, or
garners, thesaid Justices shall by ver-
tue hereof, haue aucthoritie to charge
and commaunde, in our name and be-
halfe, vpon pain, by them to be limited
thesaid owner and owners, to bryng
to the Markettes nexte adioynng,
suche porcion of thesaid ouerplus, as
thesaid Justices shall thinke mete and
requisite, and in such sort, as by their
good discrecions, shalbe thought mete
and conuenient, there to be sold.

And his highnes pleasure also is,
that the Justices so viewng, and se-
ng the premisses, as before, shal after
the viewe taken, by their writng, si-
gnifie vnto the chief officer or officers,
of the Market or Markettes, what
quantitie of grain is appoynted, to e-
uery manne within their limittes, to
bryng to thesaid Market or Market-
tes, and of what sortes and kyndes of
graines, be appoynted to be brought,
of euery owner or farmer, willyng and
comaundng, thesaid officers of Mar-
kettes, and euery of them, to note, and
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have continual good respect, that their appoyntement, bee at all Markettes obserued, wherein if any shall faile, the said officer or officers, shall certifie the Iustices of the names of hym or them that shalbe found faultie in this behalf

Provided alwaies, that in case any of the said owners, do sel suche porcion or part of the porcion, of the corne or Grain, as he or they shall so bee appoynted to bryng to the Market, to any his neighbors, beyng householders or common laborers, haupng not competent grain for his or their familie, and for the onely sustenance and maintenance of hymself, his house and family, that then the same owner and Owners shalbe discharged, from the bryngyng of the said porcion to the next market, so to his neighbor sold, in forme as foresaid.

And in case any Fermour or Fermours, Owner or Owners shall refuse, or doo not bryng to the Markettes, his or their Corne and Grain, according to the effecte of this Proclamation,

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tion, or as he or thei shalbe appoynted by thesaied Iustices, that then every suche offender shall forfait, for every suche default. x. li. and suffer imprisonment, by the space of thre monethes, the one moytie of thesaied forfeiture, to be to the vse of the partie, that shall first present and approue thesame, and the other moytie, to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or to the vse of suche chief lord or lordes of the ffraunches, as by his graces graunt, or otherwise shall haue good right to thesame, and the recovery thereof to be had and taken, in forme aforesaid.

Wherof alwaies, that if thesaid Owner or Owners, shall not haue so muche grain, as he or thei shalbe commaunded to bring to the Market, or if thesame portion so appoynted, shall happen to be taken vp afterwarde, to the kynges maiesties vse, by any of his highnes takers or Purueuers of grain and thesame duely proued before thesaied Iustices, that then thesaid Owner and Owners, shalbe clerely discharged

charged of the said penaltie and imprisonment, and euery part thereof, this Proclamacion, or any thyng therein conteined, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the continual true and inuiolable obseruacion, of this Proclamacion, for bryngyng of all maner of graines to the Markettes, the kynges maiestie pleasure is, that the Iustices of Peace of euery Shire, Citie, Borough, or toun corporate, shal at their seuerall diuisions to bee made, as is aforesaid, take suche order, that some one Iustice of Peace, at the least, bee alwaies from tyme to tyme personally present, in euery faire and Market, within their seuerall limites, and ther remain, durynge al the tyme of the same faire or Market, serchynge and examynynge, with the assistaunce of the officers of the same place, whether euery ffermor and Owner of corne, do effectually without all fraude and counyn, bryng to the Market suche proportions and quantities, of euery sortes of grain,

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as hath been appoynted vnto thein,
and suche as shalbefound faultie ther:
in, his Maiesties pleasure is, that the:
saied Iustices and euery of them, shall
do the best that in the maie be, to haue
euery suche offender furthewith punis:
shed, accordyng to the tenour of this
Proclamacion, wherein his highnes
requireth, and straightly chargeth the
saied Iustices to bee diligent and vp:
right, as thei tender his maiesties ple:
sure, and will answere for the contras:
ty. This Proclamacion to indure, du:
ryng the kynges highnes pleasure.

The .xx. daie of Decemb.

A Proclamacion, for setting the
prices of Wines.

Where as at the Parliament
holden vpon prorogacion at
Westminster, the .xv. daie of
Januarij, in the .xxv. yere of
the reigne of our moste dere father, of
famous memorie, kyng Henry theight
it was ordeined and enacted, by autho:
ritie of the same Parliament, that the
Lorde Chauncelloz of Englande, the
Lorde Threasorer, the Lorde President
of

of the Kynges moste honorable coun-
saill, the Lorde Pryuie Seale, the Lorde
Stuard, the Lorde Chamberlain, and
all other Lordes of the Kynges coun-
saill, the Threasorer and Comptroller
of the kynges moste honorable house,
the Chauncellor of the Duchie of Lac-
caster, the Kynges Iustices of either
Benche, the Chauncellor, Chamber-
laines, vnder Threasorer and Barons
of the Kynges Exchequer, or seven of
them at the least, whereof the Lorde
Chauncellor, the Lorde Threasorer,
the Lorde President of the Kynges
counsail, or the lorde Pryuie Seale to
be one, should haue power and autho-
ritie, from tyme to tyme, as the cause
should require, to set and tare reaso-
nable prices, of all kyndes of Cheese,
Butter, Capons, Henues, Chekines,
and other kyndes of victualles, neces-
sary for mennes sustenaunce, mencioned
in thesaied act, how thei should be sold
in grosse or by retaille, for relief of the
kynges subiectes: and that after suche
prices set and tared, in forme aforesaid,

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Proclamation should bee made in the kynges name, vnder the greate Seale, of thesaied prices, in suche parties of this Realme, as should be conuenient for thesame. And it was further enacted by thesaied Estatute, that all fermors, Owners, Broggers, and all other Victuallers whatsoeuer, hauing or keppng, any of the kyndes of victualles, mencioned in thesaied act, to the intent to sell, should sell thesame, to suche of the kynges subiectes, as will buy them, at suche prices as should be set and taxed, by thesaied Proclamaciō vpon the paines to be expessed, and limited in thesaied Proclamation, to be lost, forfeited and leuied to the Kynges vse, in suche wise, as by thesaied Proclamation should bee declared.

And further, by thesame act it was provided, that thesame act or any thing therein conteined, should not be hurtfull to Maiors, Shirifes, Bailifes, or other officers of citees, Buroughes, or townes corporate, nor to any persone or persones, or bodies pollitique, hauing aucthoritie

authoritee to set prices of suche victu-
alles, or of any of theim, but that they
and euery of the, might set prices ther-
of, as if that act had neuer been had or
made. And it was also enacted by the
same act, that no persone or persones,
onlesse it wer by licence vnder the kyn-
ges greate Seale, from thencefurthe
should carry or coueigh, or cause to be
carried or coueighed, any com-
fes, Muttons, Meales, Porkes, or any
other of the victualles aforesaid, to a-
ny the parties beyonde the sea, excepte
onely for the victuallng of the tounes
of Calice, Guisnes, Hammes, and the
Marches of the same. And excepte for
victuallng of Masters, Mariners,
and Marchantes shippes, passng the
seas. And also except banelled Butter
and Meale, to be carried to the partes
of Iselande, as hath been accustomed,
vpon pain of forsaictng of the value,
of the thng coueighed and carried, in-
to the parties of beyonde the sea, con-
trary to the same act: the one half ther-
of to thuse of our said soueraigne lord

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the kyng, and thother halfe to the partie that will sue for thesame, by Bill, plaint, writte or informacion, in any of the Kynges Courtes of Recorde: In whiche suites, the defendandt shall not wage his lawe, nor any Proteccion or eslopie, for hym shalbe allowed, as by thesame act more at large it maie and doth appere.

And for as muche, as diuerse and sundery greate complaintes, of inhaunsyng of the prices of victualles, necessary for mannes sustenaunce, and in especiall of Corne, Grain, Butter and Cheese, bee had and made, not onely to the kynges moste excellent Maiestie, but also to his moste honorable counsaillors, by reason that diuerse his subiectes, and others, vpon their vsuall coueteousnes, myndyng and purposyng, of their peruerse myndes, to make greate dearth and scarcitie, more then necessitie requireth, of Corne, Grain, Beesfles, Muttons, Aleales, porkes, Butter, Cheese, and other victualles, necessary for mannes sustenaunce,
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not onely by vnlawful ingrossyng, for:
stallyng and regrating of the same, but
also by vnlawfull transportyng, and
conueighyng the same victualles, and
other the premisses, into sundery par:
ties beyonde the seas, contrary to the:
saied statute, and contrary to the kny:
ges Maiesties Lawes and Proclama:
cions, in that behalf had and made, and
to the greate hurte and perill, of the
common wealthe of this his Realme:
Where vpon, the knyges moste excel:
lent Maiestie, haupyng a vigilant and
merciful ipe, and respect towarde his
louyng Subiectes, and willyng and
straightly chargyng his saied subiectes
and others, from hencefurth, to enter:
pryse no suche offences, contrary to his
Lawes, Statutes. or Proclamacions
vpon the paines and forfaitures, con:
teined in the same, and vpon his high
indignacion and displeasure, hath ac:
cordyng to the tenour of the saied acte,
willed & required his honorable coun:
saillours, named in the saied acte, to set
furthe reasonable prices, of all kynd of

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Come, Grain, Butter and Cheese, according to the tenor of the said act. In consideration whereof, the lord Chancellor of Englande, the lord Treasurer of Englande, the lord President of the kinges moste honorable counsaill, the lord Prive Seale, the lord Chamberlain, and all other limited and appointed by the said act, for the taryng and setting the prices of all kynde of victualles, mencioned in the said acte, have by authority of the said acte, set and tared reasonable prices of all kynde of Grain, mencioned in the said act, to be sold in forme folowynge. That is to saie, that from the feast of al Sainctes next ensuyng without delape, all and singular person and persones, hauing or keepynge any of the kyndes of Grain, Butter or Cheese within this realme, to the intent to sell, shall sell the same to suche of the Kinges Subiectes, as will buye them, at the prices hereafter mencioned, or vnder, and not aboue, that is to saie, white wheat of the best sorte, cleane and swete and not tailed,

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for. xliij. s. liij. d. the Quarter and not a-
boue, and white wheate of the seconde
sort, and redde wheate of the best sort,
cleane, swete, and not tailed, for. xj. s.
the quarter, and not aboue, and grape
wheate of the best sorte, cleane, swete,
and not tailed, for. x. s. the quarter, and
not aboue. And all other wheat, aswell
white, redde and grape, of the meanest
sort, not cleane or tailed, for. viij. s. the
quarter, and not aboue. And that malt
cleane, swete, and of the best sort, shal-
be solde for. x. s. the quarter, and not a-
boue, and malte of the second sorte, for
viij. s. the quarter, and not aboue. And
Rie of the best, cleanest, and swetest
sorte, for. viij. s. the quarter, and not a-
boue. And Rie of the seconde sorte, for
vj. s. the Quarter, and not aboue. And
barly of the best sort, cleane and swete
for. ix. s. the Quarter, and not aboue,
and Barly of the second sort, for. vij. s.
the quarter, and not aboue. Beanes or
Pease of the best sort, cleane & swete,
for. v. s. the Quarter, and not aboue.
And Beanes or Pease, of the seconde
sort,

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sorte, for. iij. s. viij. d. the Quarter, and not above. Dtes of the best sort, cleane, and swete, for. iij. s. the Quarter, and not above, accomptynge. viij. bushelles to the quarter.

Provided alwaies, that in what place or Countie soever, within this the Kynge's realme of Englande, or of ther his graces Dominions, the Measure or Measure, shall fortune to bee more or lesse, then is above expessed, that then the prices shalbee likewise taxed, limited and appoynted, according to. viij. galones to every bushell of lande measure, and not otherwise.

And that from the said feast of all Saintes, the pound of swete Butter, not to bee solde above. j. d. ob. and barrelled butter, of Essex, the pound, not to be sold to any the kynge's subiectes, above. ob. di. qz. and barrelled Butter of any other partes, not to bee solde to the kynge's subiectes above. ob. qz. And These of Essex, to be sold to the Kynge's subiectes, from Whallowmas next, till the new peres croppe, for. ob. di. qz. and

and not aboue. And chese of other parties, not aboue. ob. q2. And in case any persone or persones, by hymself or by any other, by his assent or procuremēt. Shall sell or attempt to sel, any kynd of grain, butter, or chese, aboue the prices aforesaid, contrary to thesaiyd act and this proclamacion, that then the offender or offenders in that behalte, shall forfait and lose to the king. xiiij. s. iiii. d. for euery Bushell, of any kynde of the corne or graines before mencioned, to be sold, cōtrary to the tenor and effect of this Proclamacion, and vpon pain of forfaiture of. h. s. for euery pounce of Butter or Chese, to be sold contrasry to the tenor and effect of this Proclamacion, the moytie of the whiche forfaitures, the kynges maiesties pleasure is, that the first presētōr or approuer, that wil sue for thesame, shal haue thesame moitie of his highnes gift, and that for all and euery suche forfaiture the Kyng our soueraigne Lorde, shall and maie haue his recouery and remedy, by informacion, bill, plaint, or acciō
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of debt, in any of his highnes Courtes
of Record, in whiche sute no eslopie,
Protection, ne Wager of lawe shalbee
allowed.

And to the intent this Proclama-
cion, maie be put in good execucio, the
Kynge maieestes pleasure, by the ad-
uise aforesaid is, that the Iustices of
the Peace in euery Shire, shall with
all conuenient speede, after this Pro-
clamacio made, deuide theimselfes, into
Hundredes, Rapes, and wapentakes
accordyng as heretofore, in other his
highnes affaires thei haue dooen. And
that thre or twoo of them at the least,
within the limites of their diuision,
shall with all diligence, repaire to all
ffarmes, Barnes, Stacks, Garners,
Sellers, Sollers, Loftes, Wikes, Dar-
ries, graunges, and other houses with
in the precinct, or limites of their saied
diuision, and there shall, by all the was-
yes and meanes thei can, view, searche
and trie out by their good discrecions,
what quantitie of kyndes of Corne,
Grain, Butter and Cheese, euery per-
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sonie and persons haue, within the p̄s-
cinct of thesame their diuision, and af-
ter the certaintie thereof (as nere as it
can) bee knowne vnto them, thei shall
alot, appoint and allow, to the Ow-
ner of thesaied Corne, Grain, Butter
and Chese, so by them found in barnes
Stackes, Barners, Grauges, Wikes
Daries, loftes, Sellers, Sollers, and
other houses, sufficient and competent
Grain, Butter and Chese, for the fin-
dyng and maintenaunce, of his or their
houses and familie, vntill the .xx. daie
of September, nowe nexte commyng,
and also for necessary seede corne, to bee
employed on his or their ground, farme
or farmes, to bee sowne before the .xx.
daie of June now next commyng. And
for the ouerplus of thesaied corne, gra-
in, butter and chese, founde in barnes,
stackes, and other houses aforesaid, the
saied Iustices shall by vertue hereof,
haue aucthoritee to charge and com-
maunde, in our name and behalfe, vpon
pain of imprisonment, thesaied Owner
and Owners, to byng to the market-
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tes next adiopyng, suche porciō of the same ouerplus, as thei thesaid Iustices shall thynke mete and requisite, and in suche sort, as by their discrecions, shal be thought mete and conuenient, there to be sold, accordyng to the rate of prices, before limited by this Proclamation. And his highnes pleasure also is, that the Iustices so viewyng, and seeyng the premisses as before, shall after the viewe taken, by their wrytyng, signify vnto the chief officer or officers, of the Market or Markettes, Faire, or Faires, the iust proporciō of al suche kind of grain, as thei shall so appoynt to the same, and also what kind of grain it is, to thintent the same maie be sold, accordyngly.

Wherby is provided alwaies, that in case any of thesaid Owners do sell, suche porciō, or part of the porciō of the corne grain, butter or chese as he or thei shal be so appoynted, to bryng to the market, to any his neighbors, beyng house holders or common labourers, hauyng not competent grain, butter nor chese
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for his or their familie, and for the onely sustenaunce & maintenaunce of hym self, his house and familie, that then thesame Owner and Owners, shalbe discharged from the bryngyng of the said portion, to the next Market, so to his neighbor sold, in forme aforesaid.

And in case any ffermor or ffermors Owner or Owners, shall refuse or do not bring to the markettes, his or their Corne, Grain, Butter or Cheese, according to the effect of this Proclamation, or as he or they shalbee appoynted by the said Justices, that then every suche offender, shall for every suche default, suffer imprisonment, during the kynges pleasure. And if it shal happen any variace or doubt to arise, for the goodnes or basenes, of any of the kyndes of graines aforesaid, then thesame shalbe tried and finally iudged, by any twoo Justices of the Peace, within thesame Shire, or by the Maior, Bailief, or other hedde Officer, with twoo Constables, or one of them of the Toun, Parithe, Village, Faire or Markett,
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where the said grain shalbe put to sale
or offered to be sold.

And furthermore, the kynges maiestie of his authoritie and power roiall, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, all and singuler his subiectes, of what estate or degree, soeuer he or thei be, that thei ne any of the, from henceforth, transport, ship or carry, ouer the Seas, out of this his highnes realmes of Englande, or any other his graces Dominions pertainyng to the same, or into the Realme of Scotlande, or els where, into any other forrain realmes or countries, willpungly there to make port sale, of any wheate, Malte, Rie, Barly, Pease, Beanes, Otes, Mustardsede, or any other kynd of Grain, or the Meales of any of the same, or any Beefes, Muttons, Meales, Cheese, Butter, Tallowe, Candle, Waxe, Ale, Bread, Bisket, Leather, Salte Hides, Woodde, Coles, Woll, felles, or any other kynde of Mictuall, vpon pain to forfait the thynge so transported or conueighed, and further to incurre the daunger,

daungier, paines and forfeitures, of the Kynge's Lawes and Statutes, in that behalfe mencioned and prouided, any licence, or dispensacion, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all and euery of the Kynge's highnes said subiectes, borne within this Realme, by vertue and auctoritie of the Kynge's letters Patentes, maie carry ouer and transport, any of the kyndes of commodities aforesaid, for the necessary victuallynge and furnishing of Calice, Gypsies, Pyrmes, Rice bancke, and the Marches of the same, this Proclamation notwithstanding, so that by coloure thereof, the said kyndes of commodities, ne any of them, bee not in other places bestowed or employed, contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this Proclamation.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull for all maner of perioness, as well marchauntes as other, hauing good and lawfull occasion, to repaire to the seas to furnishe their shippes and vesselles

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With necessary prouision of victuall for thesame, and not otherwise, this Proclamation, or any thyng therein conteined, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwaies, that all Brewers and Bakers, maie buy all and euery thesaied kindes of Graines, and the Meales of thesame, so that thei conuert thesame, so by theim bought, or to be bought, into bread and drinke, to bee sold at reasonable prices, according to the auncient statutes and lawes of this realme, or one of theim.

Prrouided also, that all and euery Inne keepers, maie sell and utter, in their Innes or houses, Beanes, pease, and Otes, to suche as bee or shalbee their Gestes, and shalbe Lodged with them, or any of theim, so that thei sell thesame at reasonable and conuenient prices, according to the lawes and statutes of this realme.

Prrouided also, that all Baggers and common carriers of Grain, maie buye and sell any of thesaied Graines, so that thesame be sold to any Bakers
Brewers,

Buyers, Inholders, or in open Market, according to the tenor and effect of this Proclamation, forseeing alwaie that thesaid baggers and common carriers, ne any other to their vse, haue at any one time of their awne, in their possession, or in the possession of any others to their vse, aboue the number of twentie Quarters, of any one of the kyndes of Grain aforesaid, ouer and aboue the Grain and Corne, that he carrieth to the Market to be sold, frō Market daie to Market daie, takyng for the carriage of thesame grain to the Market, suche like gain and aduantage, as heretofore thei haue vsed, for thesame carriage.

And further, the kynges maiestie, moste straightly chargeth & commaundeth, all and euery his Subiectes, of what degree soeuer he or thei be, that in no wise any of the, vpon his or their dutie of allegeaunce, meddle or enterprice, to putte any article or clause of this proclamation in execucion, by colour or pretence of thesame, but onely
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the Iustices of Peace, or suche otheer
as haue especiall authoritie, by this
present Proclamacion.

And we considering the premisses
to bee for the wealth and commoditie
of this our realme, will and commaunde
all Shirifes of our Countie, Maiors,
and Bailifes of every Citie and Bo:
rough, within this our Realme, with:
in sixe daies, nexte after the receipte of
this our Proclamacion, that he or thei
with all speede, shall proclaime the pre:
misses, in all Market Tounes within
their limittes, and that all maner our
Subiectes shall obeie thesame, vpon
pain to incurre our indignaciō and dis:
pleasure. And this Proclamacion to
continue, durpug our pleasure.

The first daie of December.

A Proclamacion, for the abayng of
the French Crowne.



As muche, as there
commeth some hynde:
raunce and losse, to the
common trafficque be:
pond the seas, and con:
sequently hurtfull en:
crease

crease of the exchaunge, by the valuation of the frenche Crownes, as nowe thei bee valued: the Kynge's Maiestie being alwaies ready, and studying for the benefite in euery parte of his common wealthe, hath by the aduise of his highnes Councail, willed and commaunded, and by this present Proclamation, straightly chargeth and commaundeth, all and euery his saied subiectes, and all other maner of persones hauing any Traffique, within these his realmes, that thei nor any of them, from the last of December nexte ensuing, shall utter or receiue, by any maner of meanes, any of the Crownes commonly called frenche Crownes, aboue the value of. vij. s. iiij. d. of the curraunt money of this Realme, vpon pain of forfaiture of the same: whereof the one halfe shalbee to the Kynge's Maiestie, and the other to the accusor. Neuerthelesse, for the aduoyding of suche present losse, as hereby might be sustained by them, whiche by reason of the former valuation, haue any nomber
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ber of thesaied Crownes, it is prouided
and ordeined, that whatsoeuer shall on
this side, or before thesaied last of De-
cember, bryng any of thesaied frenche
Crownes, into any of the Kynge's ma-
iesties Mintes, he or thei shall re-
ceiue at thesaied Mintes, for e-
uery suche Crowne. vij. s.
curraunt money, ac-
cording to the
valuacio
afore
lis.
mitted.
And this the
Kynge's Maiestie
will haue due-
ly obser-
ued.



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